

NEWS

in brief

Rajoub: Awadallah in Ramallah area

Palestinian Authority security chief Jibril Rajoub has confirmed that escaped Hamas prisoner Imad Awadallah is believed to be hiding in the Ramallah area. The assertion differs from his previous assessment that Awadallah never left Jericho, where he escaped his prison cell on Saturday night.

Rajoub, head of the Preventive Security Apparatus in the West Bank, said Awadallah spent his first night on the run in an old house in Jericho. He said three taxi drivers, who apparently did not know him, helped him escape Jericho and drove him to Ramallah. The drivers have been arrested.

Rajoub said Palestinian security does not regard Awadallah as dangerous. *Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib*

Palestinian home demolished

Israel demolished the one-story home of Mohammed Salahin in the West Bank village of Katana yesterday and ordered two more homes razed because they were built without permits, witnesses said. Thirteen people lived in the home.

Since the start of the year, Israel has demolished 112 Palestinian homes in the West Bank and at least 14 in east Jerusalem, according to the human rights group B'tselem. The group said that there has been a steady increase in house demolitions in recent years. *AP*

Reservist claims IDF kitchens not kosher

A reserve soldier from Bnei Brak petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday, asking it to order the immediate closure of all IDF kitchens because their kosher status is doubtful.

Haim Ozeri, who has been in the reserves for 23 years, said that during his last stint he was shocked to see that his unit was not keeping the kitchen kosher. Because of this, he refused to report for duty recently when he was called, and he is due to be court-martialed for this.

Ozeri said that there was no kosher supervisor in the unit's kitchen, as required by General Staff regulations. He said the problems in his unit's kitchen also occurred elsewhere, according to two chaplains with whom he discussed the matter.

Ozeri asked that, in the name of religious freedom, all the army kitchens be closed until their kosher status could be assured. *Jim*

Fire damages Eilat underwater eatery

An underwater restaurant being built on the Eilat shore was damaged yesterday by a fire apparently caused by a welder's stray spark. No one was hurt.

The eatery, owned by the Red Sea Star company, is located five meters under the sea's surface. It was to have opened in a few months. *Jim*

Jordanian group sues over polluted water

A consumer group said yesterday that it has filed a lawsuit against a former minister and six other officials it accuses of supplying Jordanians with water "unfit for human consumption." Residents of Amman's posh western suburbs have complained that for the past six weeks their tap water has had a bad odor. Experts said the water contained worms and worn larvae.

The government has denied that the water contains worms and King Hussein has ordered a committee to investigate the allegations, which have shaken a weak government that already has been accused of poorly managing the economy.

The suit against former Water and Irrigation Minister Munther Haddadin and six officials at the ministries of water and health was filed at Amman's District Court on Monday, said Mohammed Obiedat, president of the National Society of Consumer Protection. *AP*

Women protest men-only concert

The Israel Women's Network called on the Jerusalem Municipality to cancel a municipally-sponsored cantorial concert for men only. The concert is to be held tonight at the Sheraton Plaza.

Although the concert's invitation features the municipality's and the Jubilee Association's logo, the Jubilee Association is not sponsoring the concert, said Eyal Frenkel, its deputy director-general. It permits the municipality and other public offices to use the logo, he said.

A municipal spokeswoman said that the concert is being sponsored by the department for Torah culture, which plans events for haredim. Last month, she said, the department sponsored 14 women-only events. *Amy Klein*

US embassy in Amman receives bomb threat

A bomb threat by an anonymous caller yesterday prompted the US Embassy to evacuate part of its Amman compound. US Marines and Jordanian security officials, however, found no evidence of a bomb in the embassy compound in Amman's upscale Abdoun district, a Jordanian official said.

Applicants were evacuated from the visa section of the compound, but embassy employees remained in the building, the official said.

Work at the visa section resumed after a two-hour break, the official said. "It was a false alarm," the official said. *AP*

Anti-Ethiopian slogans discovered in Haifa

Slogans, including "Death to the Ethiopians" and "The only good black is a dead black," were found spray-painted on the wall of a club in Haifa yesterday.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein strongly condemned the incident, calling it "a mixture of vandalism and the expression of the worst kind of racism." He said the phenomenon should be strongly condemned and demanded that the police find those responsible so they can be punished. *Jim*

CLINTON

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"No matter what he said before, I cannot believe that would rise under any definition to perjury or impeachment," he said.

Early polls were in Clinton's favor, with around 60 percent of people in a CBS/New York Times survey taken just after the speech saying they were satisfied with the

president's statement and 40% not satisfied. About 60% said the matter should now be dropped. Sixty-nine percent of those in an ABC News poll said the investigation should end.

Although Starr is in the final stages of his investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, his grand jury is still at work. It heard testimony yesterday from former Clinton political adviser Dick Morris.

The management and staff of The Jerusalem Post

offer condolences to their friend and colleague **Danny Balulu**

on the death of his sister

YAFFA EZRA

Mordechai ready to resume peace talks with Syria

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday called on Syria to resume peace talks, but denied he has softened his position on an IDF withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Earlier this week, Mordechai created confusion when he told the German news magazine *Focus* that he had "invented" a formula concerning a Golan pullback that was used by the government of the late Yitzhak Rabin.

The phrase said that the depth of withdrawal from the Golan depended on the depth of peace offered by Syria. It was widely interpreted as meaning that for full

peace, Syria would get back all of the Golan.

But during a visit to an IDF stronghold in the eastern sector of the security zone yesterday, Mordechai said he had not been quoted accurately by the magazine.

Mordechai said he had made his views known in press interviews in the past two years and there was nothing new regarding policy towards the region.

"I have reiterated that we are prepared any day to resume negotiations with the Syrians."

"We will come to the negotiating table with our proposals, recommendations and demands and the Syrians will do the same. The most important thing from our point of

view is security... I'm sure the other side has its own demands which it would bring [to the negotiating table]," he said.

Mordechai said he was going from south Lebanon to observe IDF exercises on the Golan Heights, adding that the army was strong.

"Peace talks are held with those who are today classed as the enemy and as long as that situation remains the same, we have to prepare our forces for any eventuality," he said.

"At the same time, we have no interest in reaching any confrontation with the Syrians. We do, however, have a great interest in changing the situation and in holding talks with the Syrians to change the years-old conflict between us and ultimately reach

an agreement that will lead to peace."

Mordechai declined to be drawn into discussing the price of a peace accord in terms of a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"I'm talking about a different price, and formulas that would enable us to resume the negotiations," he said.

Mordechai said there were no signs at this stage that the Syrians were prepared to resume negotiations.

He visited the area following the inquiry into what has become known as the "Soujoud fiasco."

Soldiers serving in the security zone have now been given instructions to carry their rifles with a round in the chamber ready for instant firing.

Jericho casino opens next month

By MICHAEL S. ARNOLD

Palestinian and Austrian construction crews are working around the clock to prepare the Oasis Casino outside Jericho for its planned mid-September opening, casino general manager Alexander Tucek said yesterday.

Escorting a group of Israeli journalists through the heat and dust of Jericho, Tucek said the casino will have 220 slot machines and 28 gambling tables in the main gaming room and another seven tables in a VIP room for high rollers.

The \$50 million casino will be constructed in a vaguely Middle Eastern design, using marble from local quarries. There will be several levels of security checks to ensure the safety of visitors.

Islamic fundamentalists are opposed to the casino for religious reasons, although the Palestinian Authority has decreed that Palestinians will not be allowed to gamble there.

The management expects that most of the clientele will be Israeli, Tucek said. The casino is located, on the access road to Jericho, just beyond the border of the Israeli-controlled area, a half-hour from Jerusalem.

Cameras will be hidden in the ceiling of the main room and tables and slot machines will be connected to a central computer system to maintain propriety, Tucek said.

In addition, customer identification information will be entered into the casino's computer system so that players who lose too much money or who may have gambling addictions can be identified and monitored, Tucek said.

The casino is expected to fill PA coffers with several million dollars in tax money each year from proceeds. Other revenues are expected from sales of food and drink and income tax from some 1,000 local residents who will work at the site.

The casino will be part of a five square-kilometer resort that ultimately will include two hotels with 800 rooms, a golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool and conference center.

CORRECTION

The student protest on Monday at the A-Ram checkpoint was organized by the Gaza Students Campaign, and not as printed in yesterday's paper.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. PDG / Selim Jouban will speak on Rotary's Legislative Council - Its Role and Action.



A Palestinian policeman laughs as he talks with IDF soldiers outside Joseph's Tomb on Monday. (AP)

Dispute over Joseph's Tomb persists

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Two yeshiva students left the Joseph's Tomb compound in Nablus yesterday, IDF sources said, adding that the Palestinians are still refusing entry but allowing food and beverages to be taken in to the compound.

The two had remained in the compound, together with 28 other students, since last Thursday after the Palestinian Police refused to allow others to enter. The students feared that if they left the compound, no one would be allowed to take their place.

The sources said discussions with the Palestinians continue and expressed hope that a peaceful solution will be found shortly, possibly within the next 24 hours.

The Palestinians objected to OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Yehalon's recent decision allowing yeshiva students and relatives of the two slain yeshiva students at Yitzhar to remain in the tomb overnight during *shiv'a* and then extending the period. Palestinian officials fear that the students

will turn the tomb into a permanent settlement if they are allowed to remain in the compound 24 hours a day.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser Dr. Ahmed Tibi charged in an interview on Israel Radio yesterday that the recent press reports were one-sided and there had been a serious change in the status quo since the attack in Yitzhar.

He said that the Palestinian Police agreed to the IDF's request to allow yeshiva students to remain in the compound during *shiv'a* as a gesture of respect and agreed to extend for a further 24 hours.

The Palestinian Police were surprised to discover last Thursday that students remained in the compound, he said, adding that it was clear that the students' intentions were political.

Itzik Arad, one of the students inside the compound, said the recent agreement reached between the IDF and the Palestinians allowed them to remain inside the compound at night. "It is a holy place to the people of Israel

and students study here daily. It is extremely important to maintain a presence here 24 hours a day," he said during a radio interview.

Arad stressed that in the past the Palestinians violated the agreement daily by searching students entering the compound and refusing to allow them to take in chairs and other equipment for the dining room.

Steve Rodan adds: The government yesterday said the PA's refusal to allow Jews to pray at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus is a violation of the Oslo Accords.

In a statement, the government cited Annex II, appendix I, article 32 which says that both Israel and the Palestinians will protect the religious rights of Jews, Christians, Moslems, and Samaritans. This includes protection of holy sites, free access to the sites and freedom of worship and practice.

The accord also lists arrangements concerning Joseph's Tomb and the Shalom al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho.

IDF: Shihab-3 to be operational next year

By LIAT COLLINS

The Iranian Shihab-3 missile, whose prototype was tested a month ago, will be operational by the end of 1999, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

He also reportedly said that from statements made by Iranian leaders it can be seen that "the Iranian capability will be offered for the use of the Islamic world."

Regarding Iraq, Malka said Saddam Hussein believes the US has lost much of its effectiveness against him and the Arab world has

grown closer.

Much of Malka's review focused on the developments in the relations between Syria and Iran and Iraq. He said Syria had recently signed an agreement with Iraq on opening an oil pipeline between the two countries.

The US sees this as a violation of the sanctions on Iraq. The agreement is worth some \$230 million, Malka said however that the relations between Syria and Iraq are economic and do not necessarily indicate political closeness.

Malka also noted the continued improvement in relations between Syria and Iran, including the recent meeting between the head of the Iranian military forces and the Syrian chief of

staff.

He also said Iran continues to supply Hizbullah with arms transported via Damascus airport.

Malka said that there had been a moderate tone to the statements by Syrian leadership on August 1, Syrian military day. President Hafez Assad and other senior figures stressed Syria's firm belief in the peace process, as long as the talks resume at the point where they broke off three years ago.

The Syrian position that an IDF withdrawal from south Lebanon must be part of a combined Syrian-Lebanese solution is gaining strength in the international arena, Malka said.

Biran: Budget increase not enough

By ARIEN O'SULLIVAN

Even if the promised NIS 2 billion increase is added to next year's proposed defense budget, it won't be enough to assure the state's security needs are met, defense officials indicated yesterday.

Furthermore, officials said, wages, which comprise nearly half of the budget, are too low to cut.

The army has planned wide-ranging efficiency steps, but senior defense officials said that there is no plan to reduce its current "order of battle" — the number of units and equipment, like tanks, planes, and artillery pieces, that make up the skeleton of the army.

Speaking at a symposium on the defense budget yesterday, Defense Ministry Director-General Ilan Biran said it was up to the government to decide where the extra money would come from.

"In the past 15 years we have cut the order of battle by 10 percent, gotten rid of hundreds of tanks and scores of planes. Reserve days were cut from 14 million a year to under five million," Biran said.

"But no, we are not going to cut the order of battle any more. We have to provide an answer to the growing threats facing us."

Biran said the IDF needs more than the additional NIS 2 billion approved by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to carry out crucial modernization plans, such as adding more Merkava tanks. New trucks and fighter planes are also needed, Biran said.

The sum approved by Netanyahu is in addition to the NIS 33.6b. allocated previously for defense. It is the first time since 1991 that the defense budget is being increased in real terms.

The current NIS 32.6b. defense budget represents 7.5% of the GDP and 16.3% of the NIS 207b. state budget. It is still the largest bite out of the budget pie, but also the smallest percentage of the GDP and state budget in Israel's history.

Three external committees headed by non-defense establishment figures have examined defense expenditures, salaries and pensions, and resources.

The committee on defense

expenditures, headed by Prof. Haim Barkai, formerly of the Hebrew University, found that there is no way the IDF could sustain its current order of battle without a "serious increase" in the defense budget.

The committee suggested that the order of battle is not sacred and could be reduced by between 20% and 30% if the defense budget is not increased.

The committee also examined the defense budget as a percentage of GDP, and noted that while the GDP had doubled in the past 17 years, the resources allotted to the IDF remained static.

A second committee on resources, headed by David Boaz, a former Treasury budget director, determined that there is an annual gap of NIS 4.5b. between what the IDF needs to implement its plans, and what it actually gets. This gap would total NIS 54b. over the next 12 years if the budget is not increased, the committee noted: since there is no way these sums could be allocated, there is no alternative but to cut the size of the IDF.

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Clinton's speech

Text of President Bill Clinton's address, as transcribed by the Federal Document Clearing House:

Good evening.
This afternoon in this room, from this chair, I testified before the Office of Independent Counsel and the grand jury.

I answered their questions truthfully, including questions about my private life, questions no American citizen would ever want to answer.

Still, I must take complete responsibility for all my actions, both public and private. And that is why I am speaking to you tonight.

As you know, in a deposition in January, I was asked questions about my relationship with Monica Lewinsky. While my answers were legally accurate, I did not volunteer information.

Indeed, I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible.

But I told the grand jury today and I say to you now that at no time did I ask anyone to lie, to hide or destroy evidence, or to take any other unlawful action.

I know that my public comments and my silence about this matter gave a false impression. I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that.

I can only tell you I was motivated by many factors. First, by a desire to protect myself from the embarrassment of my own conduct.

I was also very concerned about protecting my family. The fact that these questions were being asked in a politically inspired lawsuit, which has since been dismissed, was a consideration, too.

In addition, I had real and serious concerns about an independent counsel investigation that began with private business dealings 20 years ago, dealings, I might add, about which an independent federal agency found no evidence of any wrongdoing by me or my wife over two years ago.

The independent counsel investigation moved on to my staff and friends, then into my private life. And now the investigation itself is under investigation.

This has gone on too long, cost too much and hurt too many innocent people.

Now, this matter is between me, the two people I love most — my wife and our daughter — and our God. I must put it right, and I am prepared to do whatever it takes to do so.

Nothing is more important to me personally. But it is private, and I intend to reclaim my family life for my family.

It's nobody's business but ours. Even presidents have private lives. It is time to stop the pursuit of personal destruction and the prying into private lives and get on with our national life.

Our country has been distracted by this matter for too long, and I take my responsibility for my part in all of this. That is all I can do.

Now it is time — in fact, it is past time — to move on.

We have important work to do — real opportunities to seize, real problems to solve, real security matters to face.

And so tonight, I ask you to turn away from the spectacle of the past seven months, to repair the fabric of our national discourse, and to return our attention to all the challenges and all the promise of the next American century.

Thank you for watching. And good night. (AP)

Presidential scandal far from over

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton and much of the American public would like to put the Monica Lewinsky affair behind them, but experts and politicians said yesterday that is not likely to happen.

The day after Clinton's televised confession that he had sexual relations with the former White House intern, there seemed to be little chance of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr and Republicans in Congress dropping the scandal that has grabbed the nation's attention for seven months.

Starr still has a report to send Congress on Lewinsky, as well as conducting other investigations into Clinton's activities. And Congress will then have to decide if there is enough evidence to begin impeachment hearings.

Despite previous denials, Clinton told the nation on Monday night he had an affair with Lewinsky and added, "I take my responsibility for my part in all of this... Now it is time, in fact it is past time, to move on."

Early polls showed yesterday that many Americans agree with him. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup said 65 percent of the public want his speech and testimony to the grand jury to end the matter.

But there are still many loose ends. For one, Clinton's lawyer David Kendall said the president refused to give specifics in answers to "highly intrusive questions."

That opened the possibility that Starr may want to question him again.

"If prosecutors were to press for specifics, they would be entitled to them," said Eric Freedman, professor of constitutional law at Hofstra University. "His first legal hurdle is the prospect that prosecutors are unwilling to accept generalizations that go over well in a speech."

The White House could fight in court any attempt by Starr to get more testimony but political observers said since Clinton didn't fight the first subpoena, going to court now would be very risky.

"They would be wasting their time," Freedman said. "The obligation of the president to give testimony is firmly established by almost two centuries of presidential practices in court proceedings."

Starr still has work to do. He is still investigating the original investigation of the Arkansas land deal known as Whitewater, the dismissal of aides from the White House travel office, the appearance of FBI files in unauthorized hands and the question of whether there was an attempt to buy the silence of former Justice Department official Webster Hubbell.

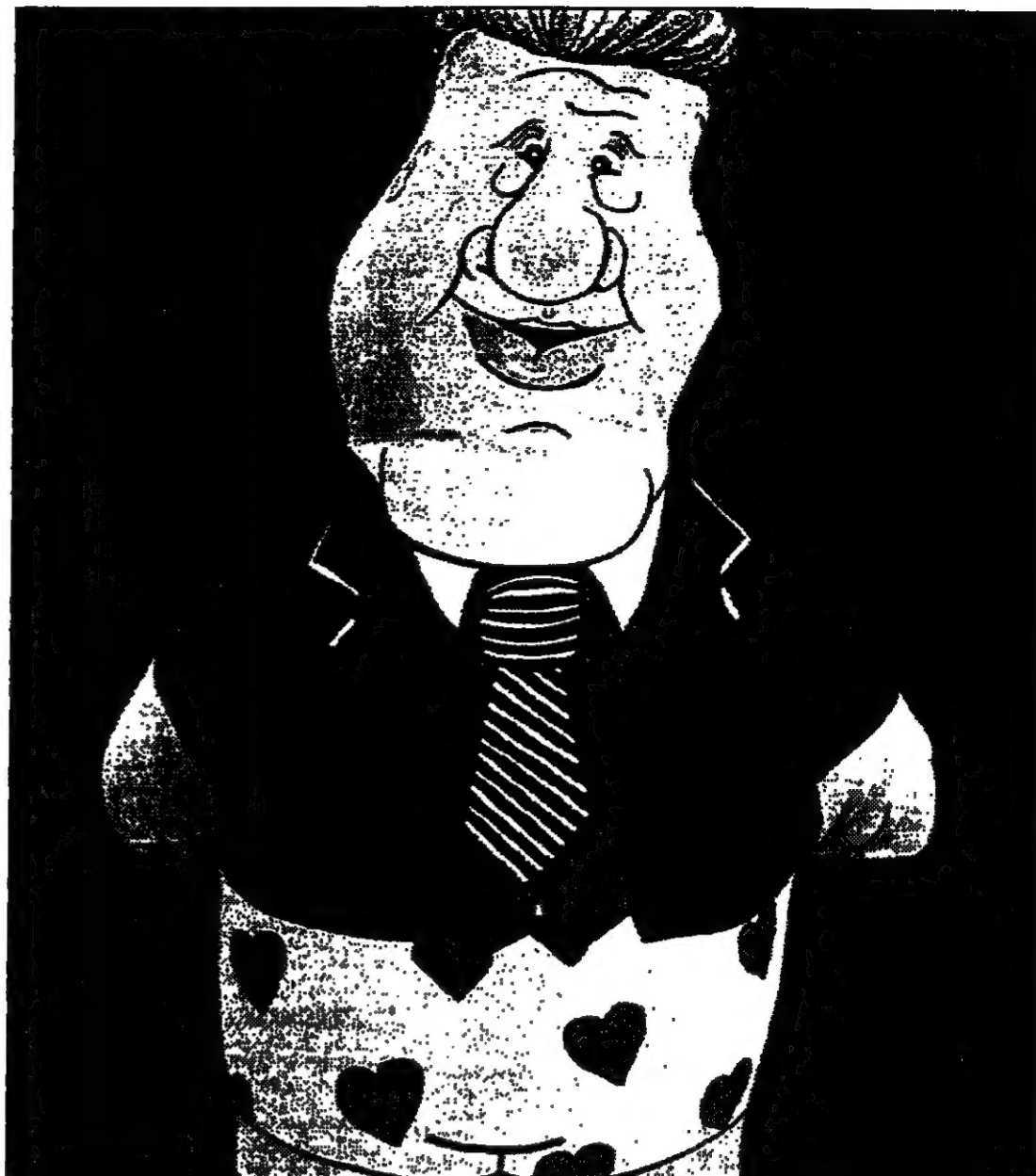
Clinton's grand jury testimony did not end that panel's work, either. Former Clinton adviser Dick Morris went before the grand jury yesterday, and Lewinsky could be called back, too.

Once Starr completes his report, the House Judiciary Committee will study it to see if impeachment hearings are required.

While Clinton's speech might have blunted talk of impeachment in some circles, there were many keeping it alive and others suggesting the best way to avoid the ordeal was resignation.

"I think this is a far more serious matter than perhaps the public perceives," Representative Bill McCollum, a Florida Republican who serves on the committee, told CBS's *This Morning*.

"If there is clear evidence the president lied in a judicial proceeding, if he did, I think it's going to be very difficult for Judiciary Committee members not to vote for impeachment." (Reuters)



A 16-inch 'Fondle Me Bubba' doll, clad in boxer shorts printed with red hearts, is displayed in New York. Sales of the dolls, caricatures of President Clinton that utter suggestive remarks when squeezed below the waist, soared this week, their creator said. (Reuters)

Expert: Mideast to feel fallout from the affair

By LIAT COLLINS

Israel, like the rest of the world, is likely to feel the political fallout from the Monica Lewinsky affair right up to the US elections in 2000, according to political scientist Prof. Eitan Gilboa, an expert in US-Israeli relations. US President Bill Clinton is now in a paradoxical situation, Gilboa said.

On the one hand, he is presumably more motivated than ever to bring about a diplomatic coup, such as peace between Israel and Syria or concluding the peace process with the Palestinians, because it would shore up his image. On the other hand, this affair has seriously reduced his ability to do so.

Clinton had noted in his speech Monday that there are important matters in the world that need attention, Gilboa pointed out.

"Without the direct involvement of the president, things do not move [in the peace process]," Gilboa said, adding that for the last weeks Clinton has not been available to deal with it.

But the damage to Clinton's credibility could prove to be a serious obstacle.

"His administration constantly accuses [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu of misleading it. So how is a president who admits he misled his country, friends and family going to be able to accuse Netanyahu of not telling the truth?"

"There has been an erosion in the president's ability to handle world affairs," he said. Saddam Hussein might also try to exploit Clinton's weak position in the crisis there.

"If the president continues to be weak, it will help Hussein carry out more extreme moves," Gilboa said. Similarly, Clinton's situation could encourage the extremists in Iran.

"The standing of US has an effect everywhere in the world," Gilboa said. "If he succeeds in surviving in the White House — and he still has a reasonable chance — he will want to use the remaining two years in office to repair his image in history."

But if Clinton is impeached and replaced by Al Gore, Gore will require a long adjustment period that will coincide with the run-up to the presidential elections, Gilboa said.

In that case, "I don't think there would be time for major new initiatives but more to further existing processes."

AP adds: Top Palestinian officials voiced concern yesterday that Clinton's confession will

weaken him to the point that he will be unable to pressure Israel in the stalled peace process. "Obviously we have been paying the price of a besieged administration incapable of taking bold positions in the peace process," said Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi.

"The peace process has been paying the price of a shaken president and the diversion of attention," said Ashrawi, who until last month was the Palestinian Authority's higher education minister.

Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, however, did not think the issue was relevant.

"The peace process has not been interrupted by the problem that the president has had and we expect it not to be interrupted in the near future, either," Bar-Ilan said.

Clinton takes a page from Bibi's book

When it came down to acknowledging a sexual liaison with Monica Lewinsky, US President Bill Clinton might have been borrowing from a television script written by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu five years ago.

Netanyahu, then a contender for the Likud leadership, went on television at the time to admit to having cheated on his third wife Sara.

The words Netanyahu used in 1993 to salvage his own political career — while accusing political rival David Levy of trying to blackmail him — seemed to ring out again in Clinton's television address on Monday.

"It is a personal matter and will remain a personal matter... If I have a debt, and I have a

debt on this matter, it is to my wife, my family, and no one else," Netanyahu said at the time. "Politicians have private lives, too. There are problems in many families..."

In his speech, Clinton took a similar tack.

"Now this matter is between me, the two people I love most — my wife and our daughter — and our God. I must put it right, and I am prepared to do whatever it takes to do so. Nothing is more important personally," he said. "But it is private and I intend to reclaim my family life for my family... Even presidents have private lives."

Netanyahu told reporters on Monday that Clinton is a "friend of Israel and I'm sure he will overcome all the problems." (Reuters)

Jerusalem 'forgives' the president

By AMY KLEIN

If the streets of Jerusalem are any indication, Israelis are a very forgiving people.

While President Bill Clinton's public admission that he had an "improper" relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky surprised some Jerusalem pedestrians yesterday morning, most of those surveyed said they forgive the US president.

And a national survey conducted by Channel Two's *Reshet in the Morning* show found that 92% of Israelis forgive Clinton, and only 8% do not.

From talk shows to coffee shops, almost everyone had something to say about the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.

"Let him do whatever he wants," said 43-year-old Ori Levy from

Shoreash. "If it doesn't affect the political situation, then why should it matter?"

Most people surveyed believed that because Clinton is such a good leader, his confession — and his sins — shouldn't keep him from remaining president. "He does a good job as the president, and he's good for Israel and for the world. He keeps a check on Iran, Iraq, Egypt," said Avi Cohen. The 27-year-old life-guard doesn't think it will affect Clinton's status among world leaders.

"People like Mubarak, Hussein, Blair, I think they can put it aside," he said.

"He's done great things for the American economy," said Na'ama Weintraub, 23. "If Israel had such a good leader, I don't think we'd care about this kind of thing."

It was the Americans themselves who got the rap for their reaction to

the whole scandal. "Americans are not normal. Two embassies were blown up and hundreds of people died, and this is what they care about?" said Moti Cohen, a 41-year-old cabdriver and father of three.

Europeans are amazed at America's obsession with Lewinsky, said Sara Weil, an American who lives in Belgium. "In Europe, no one cares who you sleep with as long as you do a good job," she said. "They can't understand what the big deal is. They always ask me, 'What's wrong with your country?'"

Her French uncle, Daniel Weil, added: "Whoever doesn't mess around, drink a little and let loose — how can you trust him?"

But perhaps the forgiving attitudes of most Israelis reflect less on their kind nature than on their opinions of men, fidelity and extramarital affairs.

"He's just a man, like every other man," said Shoshi Shalom, 40. "He made a mistake."

"He's a man. He can do whatever he wants," said 40-year-old Grigory Vinovsky who immigrated from Russia six years ago. "In the Russian parliament, everyone does it. It's a man's thing and it has nothing to do with politics," he said.

Sixty-something Mathilda Piran from the capital's Gilo neighborhood said, "I can look aside and forgive him. It happens. If my husband cheated on me, I would forgive him. It's in the genes, you know."

Shuli Cohen, 18, was shocked by the confession because she never believed Clinton was guilty. "If my husband would cheat on me, I would leave him in a second. But

on the other hand, if I was married to the president, I don't know if that would be true."

Cohen commended Hillary Clinton for her composure, comparing her to Sarah Netanyahu, who would have made a "grand hullabaloo."

Twenty-two years in Israel have made 87-year-old Nat Kleinman less pristine about politics and sexual matters. Originally from America, Kleinman said he doesn't believe this will affect the presidency, but he does think that Hillary will divorce Clinton after his term is over.

What Kleinman is really worried about, he said, is Chelsea. "It won't be safe for her to date. Some boy is going to be with her and try something, thinking, 'If it's good enough for her father, it's good enough for me.'"



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Fatah 'constitution' stirs outcry from MKs

By LIAT COLLINS
and news agencies

MKs from both Left and Right are calling on the Palestinian Authority to cancel the clauses calling for Israel's destruction as they appear in the Fatah constitution.

The matter was raised yesterday at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee by committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud).

The document, from 1965 and known by Palestinians as the founding charter of Fatah, has been published on the Fatah website as part of an information package on its history, said Jamal Shoubaki of the Fatah Central Committee.

The group has since changed its priorities, but has never updated its charter, Shoubaki said, adding that Fatah supports the peace talks.

Landau said the document should be seen as another sign of the Palestinian feeling following the reports on children in Palestinian Authority summer camps being encouraged to support a jihad against Israel.

Molek leader Rehavam Ze'evi said the Fatah constitution is the same as the Palestinian Covenant, which has not yet been abolished, only worse.

MK Haim Ramon (Labor) said the constitution is "very serious, and obliges all of us - no matter what our outlook - to demand that Arafat, who controls Fatah, distance himself from it and state he had no part in it... and to cancel it immediately." The constitution appears on the Fatah's Internet site (<http://www.fateh.org>).

Among the most noteworthy clauses is Article 12 under the headline "Goals" which reads: "Complete liberation of Palestine and eradication of Zionist eco-

nomical, political, military and cultural existence."

Under the headline "Method," are articles which state: "Armed public revolution is the inevitable method to liberating Palestine," (Article 17) and "Armed struggle is a strategy and not a tactic and the Palestinian Arab People's armed revolution is a decisive factor in the liberation fight and in uprooting the Zionist existence and this struggle will not cease unless the Zionist state is demolished and Palestine is completely liberated." (Article 19).

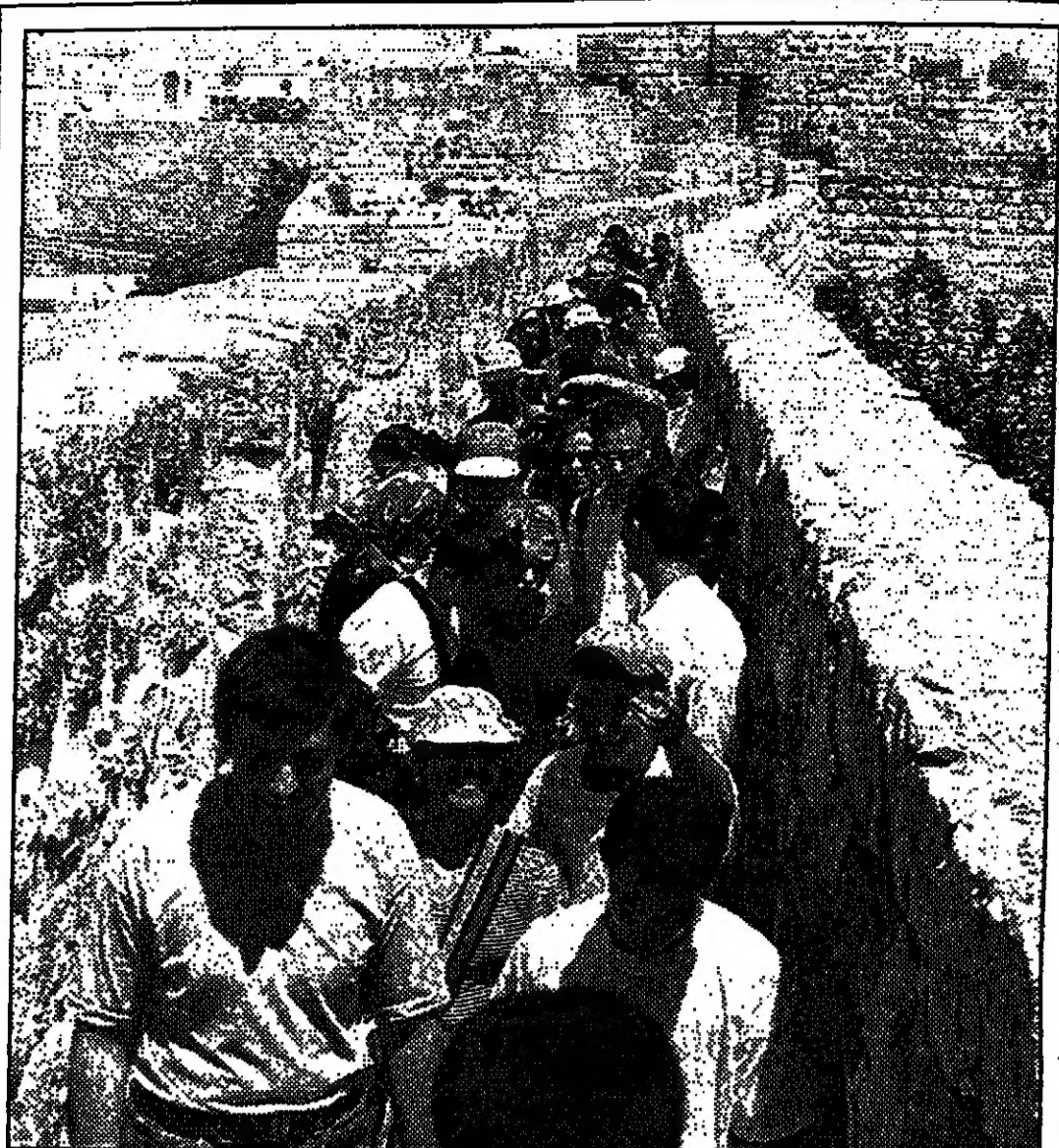
There is also a clause (Article 22) "Opposing any political solution offered as an alternative to demolishing the Zionist occupation in Palestine..." and one (Article 25) about "Convincing concerned countries in the world to prevent Jewish immigration to Palestine as a method of solving the problem."

Under the headline "The Movement's Essential Principles," the constitution describes Zionism as "racist" and "colonist" and says, "The Palestinian struggle is part and parcel of the worldwide struggle against Zionism, colonialism and international imperialism."

Also at yesterday's committee meeting, Ramon accused the head of military intelligence, Major General Amos Malka, of not giving the committee full information on the Palestinians and possible scenarios if the peace process does not progress.

He said the prime minister had instructed Malka not to give this information to the MKs.

The IDF Spokesman later stated in response, "The only limit placed on the head of military intelligence is the need to preserve secrecy. There is no political restraint placed on him."



Graduation time for new immigrants

The first class of graduates of the Jewish Agency's Chalom program marked the completion of their studies yesterday with a walk around the ramparts of the Old City. The program seeks to enable single immigrants from the former Soviet Union to be absorbed through vocational training. Most of the class will soon be inducted into the IDF. (Douglas Gutrie)

Egypt denies reports of Abu Nidal capture

News agencies

CAIRO - Egyptian security officials yesterday denied that master terrorist Abu Nidal had been arrested in Egypt, responding to news reports and several days of rumors that the one-time Palestinian terrorist was in custody.

They also said that followers of Abu Nidal - the nom de guerre of Sabri al-Banna - had not been detained in Egypt.

In Beirut, a source in Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council also denied the reports.

"The news about arresting the Palestinian leader Sabri al-Banna is not true and we suspect the motives behind this news, especially at this

time," said the source.

The source in Beirut said the veteran terror leader's Fatah Revolutionary Council had sacked five of its members, including some in leading positions, two weeks ago.

The Egyptian security officials spoke on condition their names not be used. A similar denial was carried on Egypt's Middle East News Agency, quoting a security source who called the reports "untrue and baseless." The reports were carried by a foreign news agency Monday and the Arabic daily *Al-Hayat* yesterday.

They included comments by Egyptian and Palestinian officials denying any knowledge of such an arrest.

Abu Nidal's capture would be a major victory for anti-terrorist authorities. The US State Department lists his group as "the most dangerous terrorist organization in existence," blamed for killing 300 people and wounding 650 in 20 countries since 1973.

Rumors of Abu Nidal's alleged arrest in Egypt have been circulating in the Palestinian community in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as well as in Lebanon.

Some Palestinian sources said he was seized a month ago while coming from Libya. Others said henchmen of the terrorist leader were arrested but not the man himself. All the sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Technion develops electronic probes to monitor birth

By JUDY SIEGEL

The world's first electronic probes that monitor the progress of a baby's delivery and replace the conventional method of inserting fingers that leads to many infections have been developed by a start-up company at the Technion.

The disposable probes, costing \$100 per set, have been shown to work well on a simulator, and are waiting for approval by the Helsinki Committees on Human Experimentation of the Health

Ministry and of Carmel and Bnai Zion hospitals in Haifa so clinical testing can begin.

The system was developed over the past year by David Tomer, an engineer who founded and heads Labor Control Systems (LCS) Ltd. The company expects to test the probes on 60 to 120 women giving birth at the two hospitals with the aim of getting approval from the US Food and Drug Administration.

Although the main potential markets are North America, Western Europe, and China, Tomer said yes-

terday that he hopes the probes would be in use in Israeli delivery rooms in less than two years.

Today, women in delivery wear monitors over their abdomen to detect uterine contractions and fetal heartbeats, and, less frequently, vaginal monitors are inserted to detect fetal heartbeats.

Even though they wear sterile gloves, the many bacteria in the vagina are pushed by the fingers into the cervix and beyond, causing widespread infections in the mothers and the babies. Five per-

cent to 10% of mothers and 0.5% to 2% of newborns develop infections after delivery.

The LCS probes offer the bonus of monitoring uterine contractions, but don't replace the need for a fetal heartbeat monitor.

The probes, coated with plastic and about the length and circumference of a little finger, come either in wired or wireless forms, sending data to a small electronic device worn by the woman on her thigh or waist. The data is also transmitted to a monitor in the delivery room.

'Supreme committee' to decide on new drugs for health services

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has appointed a 15-member "supreme committee" of doctors, health fund and Finance Ministry representatives and even a professor of Jewish thought to decide what new drugs and medical technologies will be added to the basket of health services next year.

The move comes despite the urging of Health Ministry Ombudsman Dr. Karmi Rubin in her recent first annual report that a strictly professional committee deal with this complex and controversial issue.

The committee, to be chaired by ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash, was set up because the Treasury approved the allocation of NIS 150 million for new medications and technologies - the same amount it added, after much public pressure, to the health budget for 1998.

Matza said he wants the committee to take into consideration "all the factors - medical and economic" when making their decision. Matza said that he hoped the "breakthrough" of Finance Ministry approval, made possible "by Health Ministry efforts," would be repeated year after year.

The other members will be Dr. Boaz Lev, associate director-gen-

eral of the Health Ministry; Prof. Yehoshua Shemer, a ministry associate director-general for medical technologies and infrastructures; ministry deputy director-general Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich; ministry lawyer Moshe Tirosh; Sheba Hospital director-general Prof. Mordechai Shani; Treasury budgets chief David Milgrom and his deputy Haim Pelts; Kupat Holim Clalit director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg; Kupat Holim Leumi director-general Shmuel Rozenman; Dr. Ze'ev Aharonson of Kupat Holim Meuhedet; Prof. Alex Aviram of Kupat Holim Maccabi; Prof. Bracha Ramot, a long-time Maccabi official; Hebrew University professor of Jewish thought Avi Ravitzky; and Ruth Yaron of the Foreign Ministry's School for Technology.

Last year, Barabash, Lev and Berlovich unilaterally decided which drugs to add to the basket of services, and they were put under strong pressure by organizations of patients with specific diseases.

According to Rubin's report, the health system lacked a professional apparatus that could decide which drugs were most vital to patients' health and most cost effective, but also what criteria had to be met before approved drugs were supplied at subsidized prices (or free) to patients.

She justified complaints in which expensive drugs against osteoporosis and schizophrenia were supplied by the health fund only if the patient met impossible conditions - such as that no other existing drug helped him. Lack of the drug, in many cases, risked hospitalization costing much more than the drug itself, Rubin found.

Barabash explained that he disagrees that a strictly in-house professional committee should be given such responsibility.

"Because of the economic and social aspects, in addition to the medical considerations, we wanted a broader group, and we specifically included two women," he said. He added that two senior Treasury officials were invited to join the committee because of the economic considerations and "because we want them to be our partners."

Barabash said he would consider inviting the press to attend the sessions, the first of which will be held next month.

"Although there is never enough money for new drugs and technologies, we think that a figure that is 1% of the national health insurance budget is reasonable," concluded Barabash, who said he is going to leave his post and return to his job as director-general of Ichilov Hospital at the end of this year.

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Polish premier hopes to resolve row over Auschwitz crosses

News Agencies

WARSAW - Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek said yesterday the government will try to terminate a lease for property where a controversial cross stands near Auschwitz.

"The government wants to solve this conflict very much," said Buzek before a cabinet meeting that was likely to discuss the matter.

The cross has sparked a dispute between Poland and Israel, inspiring conservative Catholics to erect dozens more smaller crosses on the same site to protest efforts by Jewish groups to have the original, larger cross removed.

In Jerusalem, Chief Ashkenazi rabbi Yisrael Lau yesterday sought the intervention of Pope John Paul II to ensure the removal of the crosses. Lau met in his office with a group of Catholic priests from Rome - members of the peace group St. Egidio - and handed them a letter for the pope.

Lau would not make the letter public, saying he first wanted the pope to read it. "Erecting crosses at this Jewish graveyard, and making it into a Christian site twists history, distorting the past and misleading future generations," Lau said.

"We would like this place to be one where the only thing screaming out is silence," said Lau. "To make it into a Christian site with crosses raised high is something of a travesty. The pope, who is more familiar with the issue than any of us, certainly knows this was primarily a death camp for Jews."

Buzek's announcement indicated the Polish government wants to take control of the land from a war victims' association to gain more leverage in seeking a compromise acceptable to Jewish groups and the Catholic church, a major power in Polish society.

Top church officials have condemned the smaller crosses erected in recent weeks but want the larger cross, which was used in a 1979 Mass celebrated near

Auschwitz by the pope, to remain.

A newspaper report yesterday quoted government spokesman Jaroslaw Sellin as saying Buzek's cabinet also wanted the smaller crosses removed but for the papal cross to remain.

"Because this pertains to spiritual matters we have to move very carefully," Buzek said before the cabinet meeting. "It is very difficult."

Buzek said the war victims' association violated a provision in the lease that prohibited harming the church's authority. He also said there were other violations that would allow the lease to be terminated.

But Mieczyslaw Janosz, president of the war victims' association, said yesterday he would take the government to court if it tried to terminate the lease.

Jewish groups refused to sign a \$93.5 million preservation plan for Auschwitz this year because of the papal cross, which was erected in 1988.

The papal cross honors 152 Poles killed by the Nazis in 1941 on property bordering Auschwitz that later became a Carmelite nunnery. The Pope asked the nuns to leave the site in 1993 in response to Jewish protests, but the nuns leased the land for 30 years to a Polish war victims' association before moving about a kilometer away.

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Leapin' lizards
Kite enthusiasts launch a huge, lizard-shaped creation yesterday at the Affionada, the Israel Museum's annual kite-flying event in Jerusalem. (Brian Heller)

Eilat beaches still closed by sewage spill

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Beaches in Eilat remained closed yesterday after a broken pipeline spewed raw sewage into the sea, raising e-coli bacteria to 50 times the allowed level.

Large amounts of sewage flowed into the sea after the main pipeline broke Saturday and the Health Ministry on Monday ordered most of the beaches closed for the first time in the resort's history.

The city's northern beach remains closed to all bathing until further notice, while the southern beach remains clean. The ministry said sewage flow, due to the collapse of a pipe, was halted two days ago when the municipality replaced the pipe, but the contamination will take some time to clean up.

The sewage sent tourists scrambling for hotel pools after it

spilled onto the city's main thoroughfare, Hatmarim Street, a tourism plaza, the local airport and into the sea.

Although the main was fixed Sunday, it leaked large amounts of sewage again Monday for three hours during a test and Hatmarim Street was closed.

The Health Ministry said yesterday the pipeline had not yet been fixed and the beaches would be closed for a few more days.

Eilat Mayor Gabi Kadosh warned that the sewage was scaring away tourists, most of whom are Israelis at this time of the year.

"Until this incident, we have never been forced to close all the city's main beaches," Kadosh said. "This will have serious implications for tourism in Eilat." Kadosh hopes to get the city nominated as next year's host for the Miss Universe pageant.

Apart from endangering public health and tourism, the flow of

sewage into the waters off Eilat is likely to cause damage to the corals which could last several years. According to Ronni King, the chief biologist in the Eilat region for the Nature Protection and National Parks Authority, it is too early to estimate the damage but it is clear the effect will be felt in the future.

"The unique aspect of the Red Sea off Eilat is that it does not have nutrients in the water. Now with organic material being introduced by the sewage flow, it is likely to result in an increase in algae," he said.

The different types of algae affect the corals in different ways, some fighting them for space,

some sitting on the corals and "suffocating" them and some starving the corals of light they need to survive.

"There is no doubt that this type of incident affects the natural equilibrium of the gulf," King said. Although the algae grow and die fairly rapidly, the effects on the corals and environment can be felt much longer, he said.

The relatively "closed" nature of the Gulf of Eilat compounds the effects, he noted.

Judy Siegel contributed to this report.

Worldwide campaign aims to raise money for the sick

By JUDY SIEGEL

A worldwide grassroots campaign to unite Jews and raise money for the sick among them will be held on Sunday, Rosh Hodesh Elul.

Operation Refuah, the first-ever non-political, non-profit effort of its kind, is aimed at encouraging people to give charity in any amount to any organization of their choice, keeping the welfare of the ill in mind. In addition, they are asked to reach out to patients in hospitals around the world through personal letters extending wishes for a speedy recovery.

The campaign was set for the first day of Elul, which is the beginning of a month of spiritual

preparation for Rosh Hashana a month later. The letters will be collected by Operation Refuah's main headquarters in New Jersey, which can be reached by mail at 1640 Vauxhall Road, Suite C-1, Union, New Jersey 07083, USA, by fax at 908-851-0899 or via e-mail at OREFUAH@juno.com. The operation's Web site is at www.sjrassociates.com/orefuah.html. They will then be distributed among Jewish organizations that visit the sick which will send volunteers to deliver them personally.

Originally, the campaign, endorsed by New Jersey's Rabbi Elazar Teitz, was to be limited to the US, said Sheila Nashofer and Hadassah Goldsmith, of Elizabeth, New Jersey who origi-

nated the idea. But "as soon as people in other countries heard about Operation Refuah, they also wanted to participate."

Voluntary organizations in Israel, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, Spain and Venezuela have asked to participate.

The campaign's sponsor, Susan Roth of the US, is dedicating the effort to a young cousin of hers, Sandra Lynn Baruch, who died recently from a tragic illness.

The Israeli effort is being coordinated by a voluntary organization in Jerusalem's Bayit Vagan quarter called Yesh Sachar Lepeulatyach, 41 Rehov Uziel (tel. 02-6432165).

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Elephant and flea

A glance at a map of central Africa shows the tiny little state of Rwanda sitting on a tiny segment of the vast eastern border of the Democratic Republic of Congo (former Zaire). The Congo is so huge and Rwanda so small that a cartoonist might represent the pair as a flea on an elephant's back.

It is, however, a venomous little flea and it has its giant neighbor all but paralyzed. Rwandan forces helped Laurent Kabila overthrow the late Mobutu Sese Seko last year. He was such a monstrous dictator and the world was so pleased to see him go, few cared about the backing behind the rebel Kabila — the man from Katanga who had become the hope of Zaire. In any case, the international community retained much sympathy for Rwanda's ruling Tutsis. The Tutsis had been cruelly massacred by the majority Hutus in Rwanda's infamous genocide.

Now we can see once again that foreign intervention in another country's affairs is a messy business. However justified, as with Bosnia, intervention is easy to get into and the devil's own business to get out of.

Byzantine africanus
The interlinked tribal and power politics of the central African states of the Congo, Democratic Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola and Uganda are of Byzantine complexity and unpredictability.

There is no brief summary that will suffice, no good guys and bad guys to identify with. It is tempting, if somewhat glib, to say they are all bad guys.

However, there is a danger that the Congo's foreign-aided internal power struggle could degenerate into a real central African mess of unimaginable proportions. That would almost certainly demand real foreign intervention, either legalized by the United Nations, or justified by the self-interests of traditional big-power players in Africa.

Trying to get a grip on what is going on is an exercise in dissecting confusion. Leaders of seven African states met yesterday in Harare, Zimbabwe, to assess the crisis, and there were rumors Kabila might show up. Journalists seeking information were unceremoniously ejected from the meeting place at the national military headquarters.

Reporters as usual are the messengers requiring shooting, rather than an integral part of the information flow. A meeting a day earlier of African foreign ministers revealed nothing beyond a vague report that they would "assess" the reports that Rwanda and Uganda were aiding the rebellion against Kabila.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Bitten hands
In the Congo itself, the rebels claimed to be advancing on Kinshasa, the US embassy was temporarily closed, and foreigners continued to leave by plane or ferry to Brazzaville, just across the river. Residents reported the city itself to be calm, with no sign of military activity — a euphemism for tense, since they woke up to a major power failure. The government has admitted that the rebels have seized the vast Inga dam controlling the narrow Congo River valley that joins the Congo to a tiny Atlantic coast.

In the west, Inga not only controls power for Kinshasa, but for Brazzaville across the river, which was also blacked out.

While the conflict is just beginning to attract international headlines, its roots go back to Rwanda's help in installing Kabila, and its trigger came a month ago when Kabila bit the hands that armed him.

In July, Kabila fired his Rwandan army chief and replaced him with an old enemy (and brother-in-law) from his native Katanga. He followed this two weeks later by ordering Rwandan troops who had backed his war against Mobutu to leave the country.

Five days later, on August 2 and with an obvious green light from Rwanda, Tutsi soldiers revolted at the main army barracks in Kinshasa and spread to other towns. Soldiers in the east declared an all-out rebellion. A day later Kabila's foreign minister defected to the rebels as former loyalists were redrawn to new battle lines.

Fired again
Within three days, the airport at Kisangani in the northeast was under attack, the Rwandan border was closed and Washington and Brussels advised their nationals to leave the Congo. Africa's latest war was under way.

Kabila accused Rwanda of an invasion and threatened to take the war into Rwanda itself. He also accused Uganda of sending troops to support the Rwandans.

Most disturbing of all, reports are coming in of native Tutsis being rounded up as "spies" and killed in the east — a worrying rerun of the massacre of Hutus by Kabila's advancing forces in the first war last year. A few days ago Kabila sacked his buddy army chief (brother-in-law), whose appointment started the rebellion and whose incompetence failed to contain it. Kabila has asked Angola for air support, Zimbabwe for troops and Namibia for logistic help.

For Rwanda the flea, the elephant may not be easy prey this time. But the elephant appears not to care how many Africans get trampled in the process.

Reflecting on the casualties

When Clinton admitted to an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, he left his loyal defenders — not to mention his most staunch supporter, Hillary — mired in a mortifying mess

By LLOYD GROVE

It's never pleasant when the big boss urges you out on a shaky limb and then sees it off. Pulls the rug out from under you. Makes you look a fool.

It's doubly difficult when your boss happens to be president of the United States, the leader of the free world, and he does all this in full view of the known universe.

Yet that describes the mortifying mess in which President Clinton and his most loyal defenders found themselves mired Monday.

As the Monica Lewinsky scandal reached its tawdry nadir, members of Clinton's Cabinet and senior staff — who have spent the last seven months eloquently affirming that he didn't have sex with the former White House intern — were coping with widespread reports that the president was admitting to doing just that in grand jury testimony before independent counsel Kenneth Starr. Clinton's most impassioned protector, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was simply coping.

In his televised speech Monday night, Clinton denied perjury himself but admitted misleading his wife, among others, about "a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate."

"There has to be a bond of trust so that you know your boss is not going to stab you in the back," former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said Monday, bluntly describing the situation.

"He did put them in an incredibly awkward position, completely by virtue of his own actions," said former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers, who joined Clinton's first presidential campaign in 1991.

"The president has to apologize to them in order for all of them to go forward."

The evidence suggests that the president made misleading statements about his relationship with Lewinsky — not only to the American people ("I did not have



Clinton prepares for his speech to the world following more than four hours of grand jury testimony late Monday night. (Reuters)

sexual relations with that woman"), but also to his wife and daughter, his Cabinet, his lawyers and his top staff. Not to mention in his sworn deposition last January in the since-dismissed Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

But since the scandal broke, such Clintonites as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, White House communications director Ann Lewis, advisers Rahm Emanuel and Paul Begala, and, notably, the first lady have taken to the airwaves to deliver stirring defenses of the president and bruising attacks on his accusers.

Today many of those denials and defenses are, in the lingo of a previous White House scandal, "inoperative."

"When you serve the president of the United States," said Panetta, who left Clinton's White House in early 1997, "you obviously operate on a basis of trust that what he's doing and what he's saying is honest and truthful to you always. There's always a spin to put things in the best light, and I think that's the kind of accepted practice. But what you're saying in terms of the facts has to be true."

Panetta's successor, Erskine

Bowles, Monday appealed for loyalty, stressing "the importance of sticking together" at a senior staff meeting, the Associated Press reported.

Lewis — who has been among Clinton's most aggressive defenders — sounded decidedly subdued on Monday. "I'm not going to talk about it for a while," she said in a brief telephone conversation.

Her brother, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., another staunch Clinton

Clintonite, elaborated on the theme of the necessary lie.

"The man said something trying to protect his family," Carville asserted. "I have a hard time blaming somebody for something I've been tempted to do myself. I'm not in an awkward position. I'm a Frenchman, man. I don't see any crime here for all this 24-hour news coverage and \$50 million investigation. To tell you the truth, I was five times more upset about

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defender, explained Lewis' mood: "She's very close to Hillary."

Hillary Clinton had accused a "vast right-wing conspiracy" of concocting the allegations, which included obstruction of justice and perjury.

"Certainly I believe they're false. Absolutely," she said on NBC's "Today" show.

Longtime Clinton political guru Dick Morris, who was banished from the White House after a sex scandal of his own, said: "I feel badly for Hillary. I do not weep any tears for his staff people. The staff are like blockers in a football game. Their job is to get beaten up. And any of them who were dumb enough to actually believe Clinton's stories deserve what happens to them."

Former presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos, who has become a critic, erupted in an unprintable epithet when his onetime rival's comments were read to him.

"These people went out and did their duty, and did it loyally and well," Stephanopoulos said. "There's nothing dishonorable about taking your boss at his word."

James Carville, another promi-

the welfare bill cutting illegal immigrants off benefits, then this nickel-dime stuff."

Myers, however, compared the latest developments to a multibillion-dollar catastrophe. "I really do believe it's like an earthquake," she said. "The first thing you have to do is clean up the mess — get the broken glass off the floor, make sure the gas is shut down. You don't immediately think: 'Omigod! How am I going to live in this house?'"

Clinton's staff may be upset with him, Myers said, but he has never been quick to apologize. Monday night, Clinton expressed regret for his conduct but stopped short of apologizing.

Morris, meanwhile, theorized that Clinton believes that as a legal matter, he did not lie.

"That will appear much more significant to him than to any other American, because he literally, in my judgment, thought about his capacity to truthfully deny a sexual relationship while he was having sex."

Is there anyone to whom Clinton does not owe an apology? "Ken Starr," Myers replied. (The Washington Post)

Covering the Clinton media blitz

By HOWARD KURTZ

Lanny Davis dialed into NewsChannel 8 shortly after 1 p.m. and fielded a question he could not possibly answer. "Do you expect the president is changing his testimony right now?" anchor Dave Williamson asked.

"I've heard news reports from fairly reliable sources that that's what's likely to occur," said the former White House lawyer, who had appeared on NBC moments earlier.

For all the live shots from the North Lawn and the courthouse, for all the fancy graphics and the bizarre CNN mini-scoreboard ticking off the elapsed minutes of presidential testimony, it was clear throughout the long afternoon that no one in television land knew

what was going on.

That didn't stop 'em. "The hour is here," NBC's Tom Brokaw had intoned at 1 p.m. as the Big Three networks briefly blitzed the airwaves, planting their corporate flags on the climactic day of the Monica Lewinsky saga.

Brokaw lamented "this historic and sad day in the republic of the United States." ABC's Peter Jennings tossed to George Stephanopoulos, who said "sources" had told him that his former colleague Paul Begala was helping draft a prime-time speech.

The turf was soon ceded to the cable outlets for what Fox News Channel billed as "The Showdown."

On MSNBC, Tim Russert unearthed a juicy nugget: White House staffers had started a pool on what word their boss would use

to describe his relationship with Lewinsky, the winner being "inappropriate." By 2 p.m. the only thing we knew for sure was that the Dow was up 86 points.

At 2:50, Fox ran a clip of a finger-wagging Clinton saying: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman." At 3 p.m., Clinton popped up on CNN: "I did not have sexual relations..."

Wall Street was far from upset: The Dow was up 139.

With so much time to fill, there were blasts from the past. Fox ran a report dubbed "All the President's Women," with sound bites from Jennifer Flowers, Dolly Kyle Browning, Elizabeth Ward Gracen, Paula Jones and Kathleen Willey.

CNN aired a clip of Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerging from her grand jury testimony on

Whitewater: "I do not know how the billing records came to be found where they were found."

Anchor continued to probe the president's state of mind. "Is he mad at himself?" asked MSNBC's Ed Gordon.

"That's a good question," said Washington Post reporter David Maraniss.

At 5:02 p.m., NBC's John Palmer appeared in the rain from the White House lawn: "We've learned this — that there have been several breaks." Another CNN flashback, at 5:30: "I did not have sexual relations..." The Dow closed up 149.85.

Fox, at 6:05: "I did not have..." The president finished testifying at 6:25.

Five minutes later, ABC's Sam Donaldson cited sources in reporting that Clinton "did in fact

change his story" and testified to an "inappropriate" relationship with Lewinsky. NBC's Claire Shipman and CNN's Wolf Blitzer followed suit. Fox's David Shuster added that "according to investigative sources," Clinton "did not answer every question posed to him."

At 6:43, Clinton attorney David Kendall emerged outside the South Portico, said the president had testified "truthfully" and hoped this would bring "closure" to the investigation.

Blitzer had already moved on to the forthcoming presidential address: "He will apologize. He will ask the nation for forgiveness." And if the public likes the speech, said ABC's Cokie Roberts, "his approval rating... could climb to 80 or 85 percent." (The Washington Post)

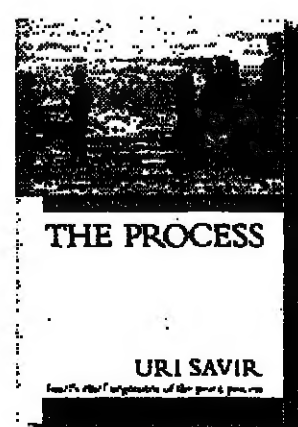
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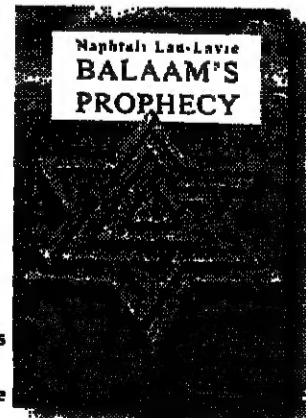
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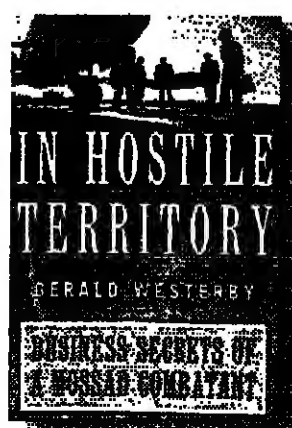
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Michael Monaghan cries as he carries the coffin of his wife Avril during the joint funeral of his wife and 18-month daughter Maura. (Reuters)

Real IRA claims credit for Omagh

By MIKE PEACOCK

BELFAST (Reuters) - A renegade republican splinter group known as the Real IRA said yesterday it carried out the bomb attack which killed 28 people and injured more than 220 in the town of Omagh on Saturday.

The claim, describing the attack as part of a "war against the Brits," came in a telephone call to the Dublin office of a Belfast newspaper as the province began a week of funerals and mourning for the victims of the blast.

A male caller apologized for the deaths, saying the group had given three warnings before the explosion.

"Despite media reports it was not our intention at any time to kill any civilians. It was a commercial target, part of the ongoing war against the Brits. We offer apologies to the civilians," he said.

Meanwhile, hundreds turned out in a village near Armagh to bury the first bombing victims. Dressed in their best clothes, the three surviving children of Avril Monaghan walked with relatives bearing her coffin and a tiny white casket containing the body of 18-month-old Maura.

Balloonist Fossett thought he would die

By MICHAEL PERRY

TOWNSVILLE, Australia (Reuters) - "I'm going to die," US adventurer Steve Fossett said out loud to himself as his balloon fell 8,840 meters into the South Pacific after it was torn apart in a thunderstorm.

Fossett tried to desperately slow his balloon's rapid descent, before laying on his back in his capsule to await what he thought would be a fatal impact with the ocean below. Miraculously, he suffered only a bruise and few cuts in his fall, which ended his fourth attempt to become the first person to circumnavigate the world non-stop in a balloon.

"Frankly, it's good to be alive," Fossett told reporters in a news conference from aboard the New Zealand naval tanker *Endeavour* yesterday as the ship headed towards the northern Australian port of Townsville.

Fossett said he got caught in a severe thunderstorm near the Solomon Islands early on Monday morning.

The cold air cooled his balloon Solo Spirit, as he desperately fired his burners in an attempt to rise above the storm, but the balloon began to descend at more than 2,500 feet a minute. Fossett was sucked into the fierce thunderstorm in which sheets of hail began tearing his fabric apart.

"I was drawn down... down into a thunderstorm and the bal-

loon ruptured," said Fossett, 54, who had already crashed three times in balloons while attempting to fly around the world.

As I was going through the thunderstorm, the balloon was just being thrown from one side to another, was visibly tearing and [there were] tremendous amounts of hail - the hail would just come in huge sheets and cover me," Fossett said. "And I said out loud, 'I'm going to die.'"

Fossett said that as his balloon began to fall he prepared for the impact below by jettisoning a number of gas tanks in a bid to lighten the balloon and soften the impact.

"Then I laid down on the bench in the capsule for the impact and happily the impact wasn't too bad," Fossett said.

Fossett said his capsule immediately turned upside down and began to sink in the shark-infested waters and his burners started burning the capsule, giving off a choking resin smoke.

He clambered out of the burning capsule and into a small life raft, hoping once the fire burnt out he could be able to climb back inside the burnt-out shell until rescued.

Finally, Fossett drifted away from the balloon and capsule and managed to switch on a satellite distress beacon. A French military aircraft later spotted Fossett and dropped him a life raft with water and food supplies.

UN special envoy tells reporters:

Iraq still refusing to cooperate

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Baghdad is standing by its decision to suspend cooperation with UN weapons inspectors, UN special envoy in Iraq Prakash Shah said yesterday.

"There is no change in Iraq's decision announced on August 5," Shah told reporters.

His comments echoed similar remarks by Iraq's UN envoy on Monday, referring to an earlier announcement that Baghdad would not cooperate with UN weapons inspection teams until they were restructured to eliminate alleged US influence.

"However, Iraq will continue the dialogue... to carry on cooperation with the United Nations with the aim of ending the sanctions regime and end the oil embargo," Shah said.

Shah, the special envoy of Secretary-

General Kofi Annan, has held two meetings with Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz since he arrived last Thursday. He conveyed a message from Annan urging Iraq to resume cooperation with UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) weapons inspectors.

Shah said he conveyed to Aziz a message from Annan stressing the need for Iraq "to fully comply with its obligations and relevant Security Council resolutions."

He said if Baghdad reconsidered its decision to halt cooperation with UN arms inspectors, the Security Council would be ready to discuss other issues, which observers said might be a reference to UN trade sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"I also stressed that reconsideration by Iraq of its decision of August 5 would make

it possible for the council to focus on broader issues involved," he said.

Shah said he would go to New York today and brief the Security Council on his talks with the Iraqis tomorrow.

The Security Council gave the go-ahead late on Monday for full-scale operations by UN weapons inspectors in Iraq, despite the Baghdad government's continuing refusal to cooperate.

Letters the council agreed to send to the heads of UNSCOM and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) stressed that Iraq is obliged to provide the necessary cooperation.

UNSCOM is charged with scrapping Iraq's ballistic missiles, biological and chemical weapons.

It and the IAEA, given the task of moni-

toring Iraq's nuclear program, last week suspended weapons inspections at new sites in Iraq after Baghdad's decision to halt cooperation.

But UNSCOM experts have continued to monitor sites already identified by inspectors looking for evidence of prohibited weapons.

The UN weapons inspectors are waiting for instructions from their headquarters in New York to resume full inspections of Iraqi arms sites, a UN official in Baghdad said yesterday.

Iraq has repeatedly accused UNSCOM of being influenced by the US to prolong weapons inspections. The country must be certified free of all weapons of mass destruction before the UN can lift the economic sanctions.

Burma announces meeting with opposition figure

BANGKOK (AP) - Burma's military regime yesterday announced what it described as "the first in a series of meetings" between a top general and the chairman of the opposition party of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

A news release from the government received in Bangkok, Thailand said Lt.-Gen. Khin Nyunt, a leading figure in the ruling junta, met for 45 minutes yesterday afternoon with Aung Shwe, chairman of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

The statement said participants described the talks as "open, frank, and cordial."

The announcement, which could not immediately be confirmed, is significant because such a meeting could be a breakthrough in efforts to begin a dialogue between the government and the country's pro-democratic opposition.

The meeting came as Suu Kyi remained encamped in a seventh day of protest on a road outside the capital, protesting a government ban on her traveling to meet her supporters in the countryside.

The league, which is the major opposition party in Burma, has declined previous invitations this year to meet with the government because Suu Kyi had not been invited. The party's position was that the government should not dictate who should represent it.

Khin Nyunt was quoted as saying that "we hope this is the first in a series of confidence building talks between the government and the NLD. We have had a fruitful meeting and we also have appreciated the NLD's acceptance of our offer of a meeting."

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"The Americans always come back. We have very important business to conduct in this country," Simons told reporters after arriving at the airport with the evacuees in a convoy of four buses, the ambassador's car, and a few police motorcycle outriders, their sirens blaring. A plane carrying the evacuees took off hours later.

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US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and acting Ambassador John Lange point at nearby bomb damage to a house, as Albright is given a tour of the bombing site in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. (AP)

Albright pays tribute to bombing victims

By DIANNA CAHN

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday paid tribute to bombing victims and embassy staffers in East Africa, demonstrating American solidarity and promising to track down the perpetrators.

"Together, we promise to bring to justice the murderers of our friends," she told about 200 American and Tanzanian embassy workers, whom she presented with the State Department's award for heroism.

Officials in Kenya and Tanzania also hoped she would ultimately announce new aid to their countries, where the August 7 terrorist blasts killed 257 people in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

FBI agents, meanwhile, pushed ahead with their investigation into the bombings. In a joint statement with Kenyan police, the bureau said Monday that a suspect who was returned from Pakistan had not admitted any role in the crimes or implicated anyone else after three days.

That appeared to conflict with reports out of

Pakistan which said suspect Mohammed Sadiq Odeh had confessed and named his co-conspirators. The reports also said the man had ties to renegade Saudi multimillionaire Osama bin Laden, who is accused of sponsoring terrorist attacks.

Albright spent about five hours in Tanzania before heading to Nairobi in a small plane, when the Boeing 747 she had flown in from Washington was determined to have mechanical problems.

In Dar es Salaam, she laid a wreath next to the crater left by the blast, then she handed a folded American flag to a line of seven Marines standing at attention. Wearing a white construction helmet, she also toured the damaged inside.

Media also were allowed inside for the first time since the explosion. Broken glass and smashed furniture were scattered throughout the embassy.

"If it had not been constructed the way it was, we would have had a lot of people dead," US Embassy spokesman Dudley Simms said.

Albright helped hang a poster on an outside

wall of the embassy compound, advertising the previously announced reward of up to \$2 million for information leading to the bombers' arrest.

She then lavished praise, and heroes' citations, on embassy staffers at the residence of John Lang, head of the US mission in Tanzania, before meeting with bombing victims at the Muhimbili Medical Center and with government officials.

Albright announced a gift of 225 kilograms of medical supplies to Tanzania and Kenya from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center near Washington, and promised government aid for Tanzania, but was not specific.

Officials in the two African countries are counting on substantial compensation for victims' families along with assurances of aid for the governments, whose key tourism industries were dealt a blow by the bombing.

"A visit alone without any tangible material help and mere condemnation of the terrorists will not do," said the *East African Standard*, a private newspaper close to the Kenyan government, in an editorial yesterday.

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watch the situation. But they're calm, as we are calm.

Americans not connected with the embassy were briefed by Simons Monday, hours after learning of the evacuation order.

Many said that despite the seriousness of the warning and the sudden departure of much of the embassy staff, they were inclined to stay for the time being because there had been no specific threat against Americans in Pakistan.

"It is a general pattern of threat that we're responding to," Simons said yesterday.

Similar measures have been taken at US Embassies in Asmara, Eritrea; Tirana, Albania; and Ulan Bator, Mongolia. On Monday, Simons dismissed the possibility the US was planning to use Pakistan as a staging ground for an attack on a terrorist leader holed up in neighboring Afghanistan who has been identified as a possible suspect in the African bombings.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz added his country had not been asked to facilitate any attack on Osama bin Laden, who the US has accused of sponsoring terrorism around the world.

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Thai government officials and shrewd businessmen are trying to clean up the Pattaya resort's sex-trade image and attract family vacationers

By DAVID LAMB

PATTAYA, Thailand — Life changed here forever on June 29, 1959, the day four truckloads of soldiers on leave pulled into this sleepy fishing village. They took a look around, saw some beautiful women and stayed for a week. The Americans returned to their base, at Nakhon Ratchasima, and spread the word.

Thus was born one of Southeast Asia's most famous beach resorts — a center for soldiers on rest and recuperation during the Vietnam War and for UN peace-keeping troops during the Cambodian mission of the early 1990s — and, today, for Thais and foreigners in search of, well, most of the same pleasures the soldiers embraced.

This onetime village has mushroomed into a sex-and-sand resort with 400,000 inhabitants — including 3,000 prostitutes — 800 bars and more hotel rooms (30,000) than Singapore. It attracted nearly 2 million visitors between January and June, a 4 percent increase, even as most Asian markets were seeing their tourism industry dry up.

But city fathers are worried. They're trying to take the edge off Pattaya's Wild West reputation, if not its wickedness, and sell the

resort to family vacationers: golf, beaches, good restaurants and great bargains while the local currency, the baht, remains depressed.

"The sex image is something that dates back 20, 30 years," said Sethaphan Buddhani, the local director of tourism. "Of course, sex is still here, but in our marketing I don't emphasize it or deny it. If you're not here for service girls, then how about trying one of our 15 golf courses?"

The high-density "hostess" and "host" bars on the south side of Pattaya have tended to attract a fairly low-end class of tourists as well as a sizable number of active and retired international criminals involved in prostitution, drug trafficking, money laundering and credit-card fraud.

Even Thailand's prime minister described Pattaya last year as a dirty city and promised to clean up the place. To demonstrate his seriousness, Thai officials based in Bangkok — hosting dinner at an open-air restaurant next to Suzie's Massage Parlor — and put 1,000 additional police officers on duty in the city.

But police haven't had much luck explaining the deaths of 45 foreigners under mysterious cir-

cumstances in 1996 and '97. Detectives, for instance, found the body of a 54-year-old Englishman in the harbor last year and ruled his death a suicide. The local paper, the *Pattaya Mail*, pointed out that it would have been difficult for the man to commit suicide. His legs and arms were bound and a rock was attached by rope to his waist.

The *Mail* has been a leader in the campaign to rid Pattaya of its European and Russian gangster influence and to pitch the resort to tourists who do not favor tattoos and shaved heads.

"Pattaya's residents want family values and respectability," the *Mail* editorialized. "But the town's poor image doesn't come from nowhere. Though beautiful, Pattaya is not Snow White; she does not have a jealous stepmother trying to poison her."

An American who is building an upscale restaurant here but did not want to be identified by name said that five years ago, "I wouldn't have put one cent in Pattaya. It was a dirty place, the roads were a mess, the average foreigner who lived here was either a guy on a pension or some bum who didn't have two dimes to rub together, and the local government didn't seem to care about the city. But that's all changing."

Indeed, although Pattaya might always have a sex industry, the campaign to recast its image is not without some notable successes.

Roads have been repaired, the trash-littered beach cleaned up. A water-sewerage system is under construction, and the infrastructure is being upgraded with the help of a grant from Japan. Some well-heeled foreign retirees have settled here, attracted not by go-go bars but by reasonable prices, tropical climate, an informal lifestyle and Florida-style amenities.

Close by are 15 golf courses (weekday green fees average \$12; trained caddies are paid \$4), including championship courses. Eight theme parks have opened; water sports abound. Pattaya is Miami Beach without the chic or Art Deco.

"The next market we're going after is the handicapped," tourism director Sethaphan said. "We'll be the only city in the region with access ramps and handicapped facilities in restaurants, bars, everywhere. Japan alone has 12 million handicapped. That's a huge potential market. If they want the beach, relaxation, top restaurants, we'll put together packages. If they want sex tours, we'll arrange special guides."

(Los Angeles Times)



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Happier in Haifa

By MICHAEL ALJEE

The Haifa Orchestra's 4th season of music has begun. It offers music by nation of tried-and-true along with Israeli music by some of the young exciting musicians in today's scene.
Celia Pieter Wispel, the latest names in the world, makes his Israeli debut playing the Cello Concerto in Haifa. Violinist Chee Y. Allison Eldredge, 22, and most exciting cello in the world to Haifa and share the season's opening double concerto as pieces by Bruch and Helene Grimaud. Helene Grimaud made her debut playing the Concerto in G. Music director S. who has done won over the past years, the 11 (one fewer) up to last season including the premiere of Harlap's Clarinet formed by the HS clarinetist Orit Orbach on the podium. Commissioned and premiered the new work by HSC residence Haim Per. Other highlights include the captiv harp and flute concert from Porgy and Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* by M. Tchaikovsky and B. All in all, this is a little musical adventure program that will music lovers happy.

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Bad boy of radio joins CBS

By VERNE GAY

The band was called The Losers, and - for hard-core Howard Stern fans anyway - their TV performance that night was a keeper. With Stern himself leading this motley crew that he had assembled, band members - on cue - produced a chorus of flatulence to the strains of the old, fast-paced rock tune "Wipe Out."

Not particularly funny. Extraordinarily tasteless. Yet, someone out there must have appreciated this spectacle on Fox's *The Magic Hour*, because that night's edition in early July with Stern as a guest produced the short-lived show's highest rating, by far.

And therein lies the paradox of Howard Stern. The man has an undeniable ability to attract TV viewers. The man also has an ability to repel them as well. For a medium, television, with an immense, almost unquenchable appetite for the vulgar and tasteless, Stern theoretically presents a true litmus test: How immense? How unquenchable?

America is about to find out. At 11:30 p.m. Saturday, *The Howard Stern Radio Show* bows on an estimated 70 TV stations around the US opposite one of TV's most durable, if frequently pilloried, franchises, NBC's *Saturday Night Live*.

Not much is known about Stern's new one-hour show, with the exception of a few key details. It will rely heavily on material from his daily radio program in New York. There will be skits and animation, too.

And, of course, it will be utterly, irredeemably raunchy, embracing Stern's own overripe obsession for prostitutes, porno stars, breasts,



Observers say that Howard Stern, seen here in the autobiographical movie 'Private Parts,' could threaten CBS's image.

genitalia and those bodily functions most people would prefer not to discuss.

So on the eve of Howard Stern's first regularly scheduled broadcast TV show since 1994, when his program for WWOR-TV in the New York metropolitan area was shelved, many industry observers are now wondering who has more

to worry about - SNL producers or CBS executives?

Indeed, this may be a toss-up. CBS has already received a smattering of criticism from religious organizations around the country, and few CBS affiliates have agreed to carry the program, which will be syndicated by a CBS production division, Eyemark.

Twelve of 14 CBS-owned stations will air it, virtually under orders, many observers believe, from CBS's chief executive himself, Mel Karmazin. The Salt Lake City station was given a special dispensation - most of its audience is composed of Mormons - while the Green Bay, Wisconsin station is expected to

air it eventually.

Observers say that the Stern show, even with limited exposure on CBS, could pose a real threat to the network's image. And some longtime staffers at the network are said to be slack-jawed at the prospect of having the bad boy of radio becoming the bad boy of CBS. (Newsday)

Hollywood's politically correct Moses

By TOM TUGEND

Since Jeffrey Katzenberg started production three years ago on *The Prince of Egypt*, an animated film version of the life of Moses, he has learned something about America's ethnic and religious sensitivities.

Katzenberg, the middle initial in the DreamWorks SKG nameplate, decided to canvass the opinions of Jewish, Christian and Moslem religious and academic leaders at each stage of the musical film's progress.

So far, more than 350 clergy and scholars have been consulted, besides in-house experts, and most generally praise Katzenberg's intent and readiness to accept advice.

One of the earliest previewers was Orthodox Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

"We reached an early understanding that the film would be faithful to the biblical narrative, but

in those areas where the text was silent, DreamWorks could be creative," said Hier.

Nothing is known of Moses' adolescence, so, following the guidelines, the film imagines that Moses and the future Ramses II were raised as brothers at Pharaoh's court and competed in chariot races.

"Some liberties were also taken in the portrayal of Miriam, Moses' sister, and potential theological disputes (not to mention 40 years in the desert) were avoided by ending the film with the spectacular parting of the Red Sea.

Greatest concern about the film's characterizations was expressed by Moslem and Arab-American spokesmen, who have long complained, with some justification, that Arabs have become Hollywood's villains of choice.

One reservation, which the studio had to reject, was the Moslem strictures against any physical portrayal of a prophet, including Moses and Abraham.

An early suggestion, which was accepted, was that the slaves building the pyramids be shown in varied skin tones and attitudes, to indicate that they were of many different races, not just Jews, said Michel Shehadeh of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Abraham Hooper, communications director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said his early fears that the film might "fuel contemporary controversies" by pitting "good" Jews against "evil" Egyptians had been allayed.

Shehadeh went one step further by perceiving *Prince of Egypt* as a "human-rights film against oppression," a viewpoint, he said, which might actually support present Palestinian grievances.

A minor correction was the renaming of a friendly camel, initially called Habihi, which is Arabic for "My darling." The expression, it was pointed out, is a modern one, unknown in biblical times.

The favorable impression created by Katzenberg's outreach and early clips of the film found its most glowing review in the words of Don Bustany, a veteran Arab-American activist and a Christian. "It's a terrific film, which almost made me want to be Jewish," he said.

Reaction among Jewish previewers appears to be even more enthusiastic. Typical is that of Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, who praised the film as "a labor of love and respect ... entertaining and exciting."

"There is a thin line between soliciting all opinions and pre-censorship, and I think DreamWorks has walked it successfully," said Foxman.

Christians who have met with Katzenberg range from fundamentalist minister Jerry Falwell to the Vatican's Council for Social Communication, and the general reaction appears equally favorable. Theater owners in rural areas

believe the film will do particularly well among conservative Christians.

DreamWorks, otherwise not publicity-shy, declined at this point to discuss its outreach to religious and ethnic leaders for this story.

One major Jewish theologian, a longtime consultant to Katzenberg, also begged off, noting that his contract stipulated that all press comment come from the studio.

The unusual reluctance appears to be mainly a matter of publicity, timing and marketing strategy, and reflects the studio's concern about the film's image and audience appeal prior to its December 18 premiere.

According to knowledgeable sources, the studio wants to avoid - like the plague - having the film tagged as either a kiddie cartoon or a preachy Sunday-school sermon.

To counter the danger, the film's advance trailer and Website promise "the greatest adventure of all time" offering "mystery, majesty and miracles."

Happiness in Haifa

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra's 49th season offers music lovers a combination of tried-and-true staples alongside Israeli music performed by some of the youngest and most exciting musicians in the world today.

Cellist Pieter Wispelwey, one of the hottest names in today's music world, makes his long overdue Israeli debut playing the Dvorak Cello Concerto in Haifa next season. Violinist Chee Yun and cellist Allison Eldredge, two of the finest and most exciting young musicians in the world today, return to Haifa and share the stage in the season's opening concert (in October), performing the Brahms double concerto as well as shorter pieces by Bruch and Saint-Saens.

The exceptionally sensitive and delicate French-born pianist Helene Grimaud makes her HSO debut playing the Ravel Piano Concerto in G.

Music director Stanley Sperber, who has done wonders in Haifa over the past years, leads four of the 11 (one fewer than was usual up to last season) concerts - including the premiere of Aharon Harlap's Clarinet Concerto performed by the HSO's principal clarinetist Orit Orbach. Other maestros on the podium include Sergiu Comissiona and Enrique Batiz, the latter performing the premiere of a new work by HSO composer-in-residence Haim Perlmutter.

Other highlights next season include the captivating Mozart harp and flute concerto, excerpts from *Porgy and Bess*, Richard Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* and works by Mozart, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Bartok.

All in all, this is a season of very little musical adventure but with a program that will make many music lovers happy.

A musical history lesson from Dante

CLASSIC DISCS

Avid disc collectors have long been searching music stores all over the world for what are known in the business as historical recordings. These are decades-old recordings that have suddenly appeared on the CD market. Many are pirate recordings, taped at public performances and sold at relatively cheap prices on small private labels. The CDs are sold without a booklet and often have bad sound quality.

Yet these are invaluable, intriguing recordings that feature the great musicians of yesteryear in their best performances. As a result, even the more established disc companies have entered the historical recordings business despite the major problem of sound quality.

Recorded with rather primitive equipment, there is an accompanying hiss on the recordings that can be annoying. Of course, there are some historical recordings that are in better condition than others, but on the whole the idea is that you enjoy the great interpreters of the past only at the price of poor sound.

But now the troubles are over. In recent weeks, a new label of historical recordings has been introduced - Dante. Its catalog is immense and growing, the discs are sold at budget price (less than NIS 40) and the sound quality is the best I have encountered in such recordings. Also, Dante discs are sold with first-rate booklets that include period photographs of the performers.

Granted, the Dante musicians are not today's stars, but they were hot tickets in their day, and now one can enjoy their artistic legacy, their integrity and power of interpretation on disc.

There is no way to cover the entire Dante label in a column or to listen to all the discs over one or

two weekends, so everyone has to make a choice.

Some would go for music they know, others would opt for the famous artists and yet others might look for names they are not familiar with or those they only remotely heard of. Yet whatever you choose, you end up with a winner with a Dante disc. The repertoire and artists' roster is gigantic and literally each and every disc promises earthly and, one might be tempted to say, heavenly delights.

The greatest pleasure, as far as I am concerned, is the opportunity to hear some of the famous, yet poorly recorded, musicians of the past. The list is never-ending.

Flutist Marcel Moyse (1889-1984) reveals a haunting, hypnotic sound when playing French impressionistic music (*Marcel Moyse: Debussy, Ibert, Vol. 2* LYS 352). Here is a musician whose artistry is supreme, whose musicianship is captivating and whose sincerity is faultless. I would eagerly listen to anything he had recorded.

Then there is the incomparable Benno Moiseiwitch (1890-1963) whose Liszt disc (*Benno Moiseiwitch joue Franz Liszt*, HPC 017) is one of the greatest piano discs to have reached the market in recent years. It is passionate, romantic piano playing at its very best, revealing a great pianist in his prime. But he is not the only pianist on the Dante roster.

The intriguing and mesmerizing Alfred Cortot (1877-1958) breathes supreme intensity and evocative emotions into sonatas by Franck and Debussy (*Alfred Cortot: Franck, Debussy*, HPC 013).

Musicians who are very well represented in the major catalog these days are revealed on Dante discs as they were in earlier days.

Everyone who thinks he has savored enough of violinist David Oistrakh (1908-1974) should listen to his mid-40s recordings (*Le Jeune David Oistrakh, Volume 2 - four discs - LYS 353-356*) in which he plays the concerti by Brahms,



Marcel Moyse

Bruch, Tchaikovsky and others with magnificent spark, elan and vivacity.

Emil Gilels (1916-1985) is revealed with his poetic charm and young, innocent beauty as a pianist in the '30s for whom musicianship and emotions go hand in hand (*Le Jeune Emil Gilels, Volume 1*, HPC 098).

And then there is the one and only Dinu Lipatti (1917-1950), a pianist and composer who performs his own compositions and music by George Enescu with beauty and finesse (*Enescu et Lipatti*, HPC 091-92).

Composer Dmitri Shostakovich

(1906-1975) is revealed as a great pianist in his second piano trio and other works recorded in the '40s. (*Dmitri Shostakovich par lui-même*, LYS 369-370).

Violinist composer Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962) emerges with all his magical charm and intensity as he plays both his own music and the Beethoven violin sonatas (*Fritz Kreisler: Beethoven*, LYS 033-35).

The vocal category of Dante is impressive as well, with singers like Hugues Cuénod, Hans Hotter, Marko Rothmüller, Lotte Lehmann and many others. Dante also offers full opera recordings from the first half of the century, for example, *Yevgeni Onegin*, *Faust*, *Der Rosenkavalier* - each revealing more than a few intriguing and rewarding moments.

Dante is one of the most welcome additions to the global disc market, and the fact that these discs, sold for full price in Europe, are available here at budget price is even a greater bonus. After all, who can afford to miss, with such prices and quality, the legendary performances of conductors such as Felix Weingartner, Willem Mengelberg, Fritz Reiner, Arturo Toscanini, Bruno Walter and Wilhelm Furtwängler to name just a few; not to mention pianists like Annie Fischer, Arthur Schnabel, Wilhelm Kempff, Claudio Arrau and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

NEWS

of the muse

By HELEN KAYE

Channel 2 nominates documentaries

The Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) has entered six Channel 2 documentaries in the documentary division of the 1998 Israeli "Academy Awards."

Three of the six, *Being Here*, *Being There*, *Coming Home* and *Tuba and Migdal* have been screened.

Part of the funding for such documentaries came from the close to NIS 1.2 billion that STRA has invested in original programming since Channel 2 was inaugurated in November 1993. This translates into 8,728 broadcast hours or some 33% of total programming, a figure which has grown to 39% in 1998.

Israel Festival head runs for city council

Yossi Talgan, general manager of the Israel Festival, is running for Jerusalem City Council this November on the Jerusalemites Who Care list, "but unless I'm offered a salaried position in the city administration, I have no intention of quitting my festival post," he says.

He wants to increase the scope and spread of culture in Jerusalem, and open up cultural events to new audiences - as he has done at the festival.

Since he took over the festival five years ago, there has been no deficit.

Biblical epic goes to Hamburg...

On September 1, director Rina Yerushalmi and her Itim Ensemble will present the world premiere of *Vayishlach*, *Vayar*, the second part of Yerushalmi's epic Bible Project at the Summertheater Festival in Hamburg.

On September 5, Itim will perform the entire epic, *Vayomer*, *Vayelech*, and *Vayishlach*, which takes eight hours, including intermissions.

From Hamburg, Itim moves to Düsseldorf, where both parts will be performed on September 10 and 12, respectively. The performances will be in Hebrew with simultaneous translation into German.

Vayomer, which premiered at the 1996 Vienna Festival, has enjoyed worldwide success and is currently playing to sold-out houses at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. *Vayishlach* was scheduled to premiere at this year's Israel Festival, but was not ready in time.

There will be preview performances at the Ramat Gan Theater from October 20 to 23 with the Israeli premiere of *Vayishlach* scheduled for the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center in November.

Vayomer is a journey which moves from Genesis to the Promised Land. *Vayishlach* concerns itself with Israel's kings and prophets, from Saul to the Babylonian exile.

...and so does BatSheva Dance Co.

The BatSheva Dance Company opens the Summertheater Festival today with the European premiere of Ohad Naharin's 1997 work *Sabotage Baby*.

The troupe then travels to the Göteborg (Gothenburg) Festival in Sweden with the same work.

In September, the company takes *Anaphase* to Austria, followed by three performances at the Lyons Dance Biennale from September 15-17.

The Summertheater Festival is devoting part of its program to Israel's jubilee.

MoMA screens 'Song of the Galilee'

The New Film and Television Foundation has announced that Daniel Waxman's prize-winning documentary *Song of the Galilee* will represent Israel at the Flaherty Film Seminar entitled "Investigating the Real," underway at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

The same seminar will be repeated at Kfar Blum in November. Waxman's film investigates a cover-up following a mysterious death. He had to go underground to finish it, as his life was threatened.

Indian musicians due in November

Zakir Hussain and Shiv Kumar Sharma, two giants of the Indian classical and world-music genre, will play two concerts here at the end of November.

One of the world's great tabla virtuosos, Hussain last appeared locally playing with flutist Hari-Prasad Chaurasia at the 1996 Israel Festival. This is his third visit.

Prior to Sharma, the santoor, or "lute with a hundred strings" as it was called, was not considered worthy of playing Indian classical music. Sharma, said to be the greatest santoor player in the world, has modified the instrument to increase its range and expressiveness.

He and Hussain are also prolific recording artists of both Indian and world music.

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For Clinton, a fling too far

Bill Clinton is the first baby-boomer president of the United States. As such he carried into office with him all the assets and all the liabilities of that post-war generation. He was schooled when the schooling was good, he surfed the 1960s youth rebellion against the received but often hypocritical values, and he woke up with a hangover to discover he was running for president in an era when "old-fashioned values" were back as a refuge for those who had lost their way in the moral maze of the late 20th century.

Draft-dodging Vietnam was no longer something one boasted of as a patriotic American. Neither was smoking marijuana or free love — playing jazz saxophone was about all that was left that was acceptable. The Clinton that came out of the 50s and 60s remained the same brilliant, affable libertarian. It was the times and attitudes that had changed around him. Or rather they had partially changed. It is mainly Clinton's right-wing political enemies who have dogged his path relentlessly, calling him and his wife to task for every mistake or misdemeanor they may have committed in long and complex political lives.

Yet the American people have twice held referendums on his assets and liabilities, and decided both times that they still wanted him for their president. A vast number of them are baby boomers like himself; they may have calmed down and become more serious with age, but they have been consistently loyal to the one from their midst who has not only remained approachable and unpretentious, but who promised to fill their wallets with an economic miracle — and has done so.

Unlike John F. Kennedy, whose alleged philandering was never an issue during his short term, Clinton is still paying the price for espousing a life of libertarian values (or lack of them) in a system that is basically puritanical, judgmental, hypocritical and intolerant. Were he not in politics, the Monica Lewinsky affair and other alleged "bimbo" indiscretions of his overactive sex life would simply be the stuff of sordid suburban gossip.

It is ironic that the man who fought a furious military establishment for the right of homosexuals to serve — his first naive blunder as president — should be almost crippled by a good old-fashioned heterosexual affair. What if Clinton had been caught in a gay tryst and forced to out himself in public? Would the hounds be baying as loudly as they have been over Lewinsky, or would that have been too politically incorrect?

Being caught in illicit sex and then lying about it may be squalid, embarrassing and tacky, rather than "inappropriate," but the US Congress would do well to pause before it considers making it an

impeachable offense. The amazing support Clinton continues to garner from the public offers some hope that despite the unrelenting campaign to "get him" and the near-hysterical media circus, the American people retain an admirable core of common sense.

There is no denying that this strange tale of a highly talented, likable and over-sexed president, is a valid news story. But it is not a Watergate, a Cambodia bombing, or an Iran-Contra affair. It is an embarrassing family scandal, and not the first one to be played out in the White House, either. It is nonsense to present it as a crisis in the leadership of the free world.

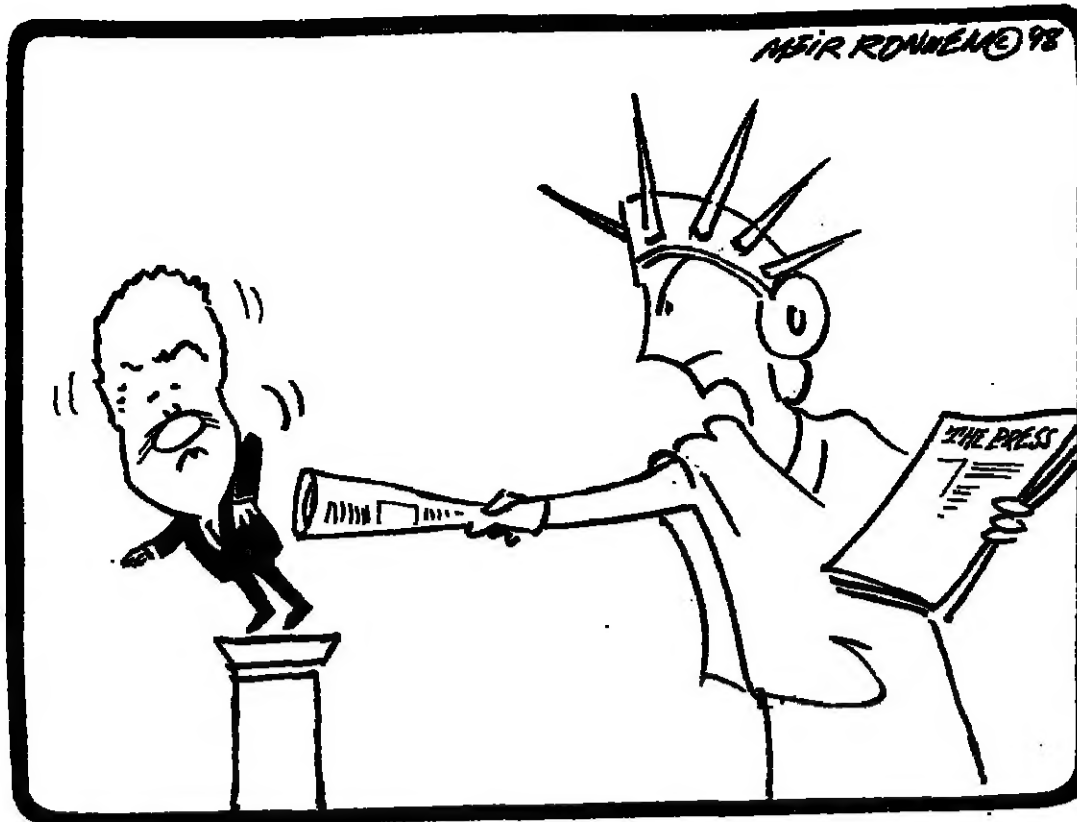
Every vested interest will make hay while the scandal shines — already the Palestinians have made the ridiculous propaganda claim that Clinton is now so weakened "that he will be unable to pressure Israel." Yet, even in most of the Arab world, where one might expect high moral indignation for Clinton's behavior, reports suggest that most people consider the issue a private matter. Ordinary citizens are more impressed by a system that can make the most powerful man in the land appear before a jury of ordinary citizens.

In Europe too, the Clinton-Lewinsky affair is played out as an item of titillation, gossip or jokes. Russia's media have given the story scant attention, and most Europeans prefer to mock the hysteria of the American media and the tiny Washington gossip circle carried away with its own importance. Clinton is due to visit Ireland in early September and it will become clear there that he is far from played out or disregarded as a world leader and as a moral force for good, in trying to find a way to end the real obscenities in the world, such as violence and terrorism.

As many commentators have noted, the mystery remains as to why Clinton has squandered his historical legacy as a good president, who might even have been a great one. Even after the derision and the chuckles have faded, the sexual scandals of his term will linger long after he has left office. He deserves to be assessed for his job creation and other economic initiatives, and for foreign policy successes in Bosnia and Ireland. His presidency needs to be analyzed for its weaknesses, in Medicare reform, in dealing with Saddam Hussein.

His presidency does not deserve simply to be dismissed as one long Zippergate. That has been Clinton's greatest and most unfathomable mistake. Having been generously forgiven by his fellow Americans for past indiscretions, he just had to have one more fling in the Oval Office. That was a fling too far.

Clinton had so much going for him. Historians will wonder for decades where it all went.



A \$40 million faucet

The evidence is that David Kendall and William Clinton think together in absolute pitch.

In speaking of Mr. Kendall I pause parenthetically to say he is a personal friend and I am one of his clients. But when he left the White House on Monday one knew instantly that the polemical dog would rule the roost that evening.

Did we, in a one-minute speech, really need to be reminded, for the one-millionth time, that the investigation had cost \$40 million?

For one thing, \$40 million as a federal expense is not all that big a deal, about the price of one torpedo. But more pointedly, what would the cost of the investigation have been if Mr. Kendall's client had cooperated and told the truth about matters under investigation? A hundred dollars?

That the exploration began with an oddball financial deal in Little Rock is as irrelevant as that the big oil strike in East Texas began as an exploration for drinking water. One thing led to another. If an investigation of a double-parking leads you to a serial murderer, should we regret that the curiosity was sparked?

We could tell, from Mr. Kendall's truculent mini-statement, that Mr. Clinton would do no more than another version of it. "Directions to Speechwriters: Compose something that leaves the impression that yes, man is born to sin, but what's special about this business is that the so-called investigators are interested in my private life, and that life belongs to me and Hillary and Chelsea, and we must get on

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

with the great promises of America" blah blah.

A FEW minutes before the speech began, Jeff Greenfield, presiding over CNN coverage, opined that after the speech was over, the president's ratings would rise.

"Why?" he was asked. "Because they always rise after a presidential speech. Mr.

What would it have cost to investigate Clinton if the president had cooperated and told the truth about matters under investigation? A hundred dollars?

Greenfield could think of no exception.

It requires effort to resist demagogic appeal, but the effort is worth it, and it hinges on the argument that we are intruding on Mr. Clinton's private life.

Anything that is private is rendered semipublic or public if it catches a public hook. How much money you have is your business, unless you want to build a house and take a mortgage. Then it is also the business of the lending organization. If you patronize a speakeasy and a bust is ordered and your name is taken, your private right to con-

sume liquor becomes the stuff of a public datum. If you lie about it, you step through the window of privacy into the public street. If you insinuate to the arresting officer that better days are in store for him if he just forgets about it, you are obstructing justice and suborning perjury and all that stuff. There is no way, if reflection is given to the question, to shrug it off with an: All he wanted was just a little drink.

What is absolutely private and should always remain so is the way in which Mr. Clinton handled his problem when speaking to his wife and child. On that subject we should all be silent.

But if the aggressor turns to us and holds us responsible for difficulties he has in communicating with wife and child, we are entitled to say. You are a coward and a disreputable human being.

At which point you stop and ask: Is this an aberrant position? With some relief one finds the morning column from Andy Rooney. "One of the things I know about myself," he begins, "is that I am quite average and normal. My reaction to things is usually the same reaction everyone else has. If I want to know what people think, I think about what I'm thinking."

And he concludes the column, "It's difficult to look at him without thinking about [what he did]. And it's something I don't want to think about. If my brain was my hands, I'd go run it under a faucet."

What we need now is a faucet big enough to relieve the entire population, even if it costs another \$40 million.

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Monotony of monogamy

RUTHIE BLUM

Last week, a colleague pointed out an article in *Yediot Aharonot's* weekend magazine about yet another foreign fad gaining momentum among Tel Aviv's elite: swinging. Swinging is the name for the phenomenon which, in less politically correct days, was known as "wife swapping" and which, in more etymologically correct days, could be defined as "orgies conducted among married couples."

Apparently, a growing number of couples in this country feel the need to add a little "zing" to the monotony of monogamy. Apparently, a growing number of couples in this country believe that the way to achieve this is by getting together with other duos suffering from similar malaise.

Rather than exchanging sob stories about the plights of waning passion in the master bedroom, however, these pairs exchange their partners instead. Support groups and sushi, it seems, are out. Sodom and Gomorrah — as my horrified colleague mused — are back.

"This is our sixth time," said one 40-something couple interviewed for the article. "And we love every minute of it. It does us good to get away from our routine, to come here for a few hours of pleasure and go home happy. Our marriage is great... For us this is a form of recreation."

According to psychologist Mordechai Neuman, the author of a study on the phenomenon who was quoted in the article, "Couples who swing are characterized by a solid relationship, openness and mutual trust, and the absence of the sensation of jealousy."

Swinging was a clever update of the open marriage

READING these and other statements about the benefits of swinging to the marital boudoir, I was reminded of a story told to me years ago by a friend and neighbor.

The story was of a couple this friend had known in England during the early 1950s. The couple had boasted of having a successful "open marriage."

Jealousy, both husband and wife had claimed, was one of those bourgeois emotions they had overcome. Their marriage, they insisted, was in fact strengthened by the honesty involved in overtly committing the formerly covert act of adultery.

Their marriage, they stressed, was in fact enhanced by the pleasures of the flesh each was experiencing with partners outside the marital framework. Their marital prototype, they believed, was in fact the wave of the future, destined to be emulated by more and more enlightened couples no longer bound by the restrictive prohibitions of religion and outdated social norms.

So impressed was my mentor friend by this couple's progressive-mindedness that he seethed with envy. So amazed at this couple's freedom from base — and baseless — emotions that he wallowed in self-loathing at his own bourgeois backwardness whenever he was in their company. Luckily for him — and just as luckily for his future partner in matrimony — his self-disgust was soon to be nipped in the bud.

One foggy London day, the enlightened husband went after his enlightened wife with an ax — landing himself smack in the not-so-enlightened loony bin and his spouse in the hospital. So much for this particular "wave of the future" of coupledom.

Swinging — a "form of recreation" as old-hat in our old countries as the Beatles and the birth-control pill — was a clever update of the open marriage. Instead of husband and wife going about their infidelities as they pleased, so long as they figuratively shared them with their spouses, now husband and wife would restrict themselves to literal spouse-sharing under one another's watchful eyes. And, more importantly, with one another's simultaneous permission.

That this version of the lust for conscience-free extramarital promiscuity should have taken several decades to hit the shores of Sheinkin should not be surprising. Moral accountability may be a thing of the past here in the Holy Land, but time lag is still present.

It's a foregone conclusion that this version of the lust for conscience-free extra-marital promiscuity will wear out its welcome as soon as the ensuing consequences start peeking out from between the satin sheets of Herzliya. This is because the oversteering of certain bounds is inherently consequential.

And because the only thing really swinging in the greater Tel Aviv area these days is the pendulum of time.

The moloch of nationalism

DAVID NEWMAN

I have been taken to task in the past for comparing the Israeli and Irish situations. But following this week's deadly bombings in the market town of Omagh, one cannot but raise questions concerning the future of the Irish peace process and what, if anything, can be learned from Israel's own bitter experience with terrorism even after the onset of the Oslo Accords.

The scenes from Northern Ireland are all too familiar for those of us who have witnessed the deadly suicide bombings which took place in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in the aftermath of the Oslo Accords and which, to a large extent, brought about the change in government in Israel in 1996 and the subsequent slowdown in the peace process.

The setting of Ireland provides an appropriate background for this week's international conference on Nationalism, Transnationalism and Democracy. As we sit in the idyllic setting of Maynooth, just outside Dublin, we appreciate the pride with which the inhabitants of the independent Republic of Ireland value their own sovereignty, while as we move on to Belfast, we will come face to face with the less idyllic realities of Catholic-Protestant rivalry, mutual distrust and extremist terrorism.

Nationalism has been the most powerful and, at the same time, the most destructive ideology of the twentieth century. It is an ideology which evolved during the second part of the nineteenth century, reaching its peak at the end of World War I, as much of the world — particularly Europe and the Middle East — was carved up into new political entities, spurred on by the edict of the then-US president Woodrow Wilson: "a state for every nation." It was during this period that the Balfour Declaration was issued on behalf of Zionist nationalism and, at the same time, the struggle for Irish "home rule" took place.

MUCH blood has been spilled in the name of nationalism. In their respective quests for national independence, Catholics and Protestants in Ireland, as Jews and Arabs in Israel/Palestine, have killed and been killed as they endeavored to mark out their exclusive territories. Extremist groups on both sides have never hesitated to use the most deadly of means to assert their own rights and, at the same time, to prevent the aspirations of the Other from being realized.

What makes the Irish and the

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Israeli experiences of terrorism and violence in the name of nationalism so bitter has been the religious dimension of the national conflict.

When your right to statehood and independence is interpreted as being some form of Divine right, as though it is some form of exclusive truth which no other group has a right to contest, the acts of terrorism and atrocities are all that greater. Those who kill and murder in the name of God do so with little regard for human life, democracy or respect for the rights of Others.

But it makes no difference what your political views are — there can never be any justification for the scenes of carnage which were witnessed in Omagh this week, or which occurred in Dizengoff Center in 1996. People cannot promote their own nationalist aspirations by denying the basic human rights of the Other. Nationalism without humanity or democracy is a moloch, a monster, which has

continually brought out the worst in humankind.

The Northern Ireland peace process stands at a very shaky juncture. While political leaders have expressed their continued support for the process, there is increasing skepticism and pessimism.

The traditional IRA leadership is being outflanked by the extremists, much in the same way that Yasser Arafat became outflanked by the Hamas. Those Protestant and Unionist leaders, such as Reverend Ian Paisley, opposed to the peace process in the first place, use this act of terrorism as a means of influencing the British government to stop the process in its tracks, much in the same way as right-wing religious settler opposition to the Oslo process used Hamas terrorism as a means of slowing down any further moves toward national reconciliation in Israel.

But there does remain one important difference. While the bus bombings in Israel resulted in the election of an intransigent, anti-peace process government which has done everything possible to slow the process down during the past two years, this does not appear likely to be the case in Northern Ireland. The government of Tony Blair, with its huge majority, remains in place and is only more determined to make sure that the process continues and that terrorism does not triumph as it has in Israel.

It is, of course, difficult — if not impossible — to persuade those who have been directly affected by the acts of terrorism to continue to support a process which does not appear to have brought any greater sense of security or stability. But the alternative is even more violence and surrender to acts of terrorism. The moloch of religious nationalism has once again reared its ugly face, and it remains to be seen whether the Irish people are courageous enough to rise above these terrible events in their attempt to move toward a political solution to their bitter conflict.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT CRICKET

Sir, — The advent of cable TV was hailed and welcomed by most Israelis. Although united by the one language of the Torah, Israelis still long to hear the language, the music and see the familiar sights from their old countries. Cable operators promised them just that.

The Anglo-Saxon community, the Indians and the Pakistanis, for example, who have been brought up since childhood on cricket, tennis and badminton, were delighted with the coverage of their favorite games by the Star Sports and Start Plus channels. This pleasure, however,

was short lived. Fees for cable TV keep increasing and the channels keep systematically decreasing.

The strange reason given by the local cable operators is that the channels have become digital and the networks have ceased telecasting to our area. Going digital can only mean giving better service with clearer, brighter pictures and better sound. It may also mean higher fees to the network, which the local cable operators may be reluctant to pay.

No network wishes to restrict its telecasts to a limited area. Every one of them vies for a larger, broader,

PLEASE SPARE US

Sir, — Democratically elected governments are empowered by the people to carry out policies that protect the interests of the state, and the citizens have the right to criticize the government action.

Naomi Chazan's editorial "Illegitimate, if not illegal" (August 7) would have fallen under the latter category had it not been for the misinformation with which she attempts to support her position.

The Israeli government has leveled Jewish citizens, uprooted thousands of Jewish citizens from areas in which the government felt they would harm the national interest, removed caravans and their inhabitants, disarmed and placed Jewish citizens in jail, limited areas of settlement and forbidden growth in others. The national government has done so with Arabs as well.

Each side claims underhandedness on the part of the government, and each side claims the validity and morality of their posi-

tion. This is understandable. What is not understandable or acceptable are lies and deception.

We are a small nation and have a right to live in peace within our borders. Israel does not occupy anybody's land except its own, and not all of it at that. Our current international borders not only do not represent our entire historical homeland, but encompass, instead, a small fraction of the area which the world nations recognized as our land by right.

We, as a people, were born and grew up here. Our religious and cultural traditions were developed on this land, which forms an integral part of our identity as a people. It is here that our ancestors live and are buried. Our capital city was established over 1,500 years before the Arab invasion and short-lived conquest of our land. Please, Ms. Chazan, spare us.

AMRAM YOSEF

Petah Tikva.

worldwide audience.

The reason given by our local operators, therefore, is not convincing. It would be interesting to know the real cause behind the discontinuation. It would also be worthwhile investigating whether there is any breach of contract involved.

The Israeli viewer has been given the short end of the stick and that is certainly not cricket.

MOSHE VERULKAR

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WHOSE RACISM?

Sir, — Racism is evil. Lately everybody got excited on hearing a statement of old-fashioned anti-Oriental racism — but is anti-Ashkenazi racism politically correct?

Are we deaf to the accusations made at the address of the Russian immigrants, making every Russian child a goy?

Have we never heard the silly jokes about Polish mothers?

Have we forgotten the Oriental leaders declaring that immigration from Northern countries is a disaster to the State, and that, if there will be a massive Russian aliyah, the Orientals will be slaves in the houses of the Russians?

Have we forgotten the cruel accusations to the Ashkenazi establishment from the fifties, made by the fans of a certain alleged Yemenite rabbi?

And as to the attitude towards the Ethiopians — the name of the mayor who refused to admit Ethiopians into his town, was not exactly Siegfried Rabinovitz. I won't reveal his name; I might be accused of racism.

MICHAEL NOACH

Beersheba.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 19, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the newly-created Israel Army was hungry for manpower and that it had decided that all girls and women between 18 and 28 were required to report for service; mothers were exempt, though it was a

part of an expansion plan that both they and the older women should take on essential work previously done by the girls who joined up.

25 years ago: On August 19, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Soviets packed the

smallest gym in Moscow with soldiers to jeer and howl at the Israeli basketball team at the World University Games held there. Israel protested to the International Sports Federation which sponsored the games.

Alexander Zvielli

MUCH blood has been spilled in the name of nationalism. In their

The sex talk girls badly need

Mothers who imply that only boys feel the power surges of puberty are doing nothing to help their teenaged daughters handle those intoxicating feelings of desire that can be so devastating, Susan Reimer writes



First step toward intimacy: Girls need to learn that feelings of desire are normal and healthy, and how to deal with them. (Yonatan Slinger)

Pipher, who, despite her success as an author and lecturer still counsels young girls as a therapist in her hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska, says the first step is to help these girls understand that in this sexually chaotic culture the only limits are the ones she chooses for herself, and the only ground rules are the ones she negotiates with her partner.

"That means you have to know what you want," Pipher says. "And you have to be able to explain your expectations to someone else."

"Kids can't imagine a conversation like that," says Baltimore's Debbie Roffman, who is in the trenches with kids every day as a human sexuality educator for several private schools.

She agrees with Pipher's ideas, but says it is asking a lot to tell kids to negotiate sexual ground rules when they have never seen it done in the pop culture that absorbs them. And when they don't know what words to use.

"We have to stop using 'sex' as shorthand for 'intercourse' and come up with a better definition," Roffman says. "Even phrases like 'making out' and 'fooling around' imply these experiences aren't real. They are meaningless, and we aren't accountable for them."

"And 'How far did you go?'. 'How far did you get?' These are horrible metaphors. This isn't about how far you got. It is about how close you want to be."

Roffman presses the young people she teaches to define these sloppy terms, and through that process she helps them construct a continuum of intimacy from hand-holding to intercourse.

"Once you have defined sex as a range of behaviors, the question is not whether a girl should have intercourse, but what is appropriate at what ages and what stages of development, and under what circumstances."

"Then," she says, exhaling in emphasis, "you can have a conversation about sex."

Getting there will be very hard for us. The mechanics of sexual intercourse are easy to explain. "Don't do it!" is easy to say.

Much more excruciating will be finding words for those feelings of urgency that won't send our daughters — and sons — squealing from the room in disgust.

"If we only tell them how, we have done only half of our job, and left unspoken the best part: the language of desire, the language of intimacy. (The Baltimore Sun)

If Noah had used a computer



By Judy Siegel Itzkovich

The Animal Kingdom, a collection of 10 CD-ROMs, in English, by the World Book Company and the Zane Publishing Company, for Windows 3.1, Windows 95 and Macintosh, for all ages, distributed by World Book-Childcraft Ltd., POB 4364, 91043 Jerusalem, Tel (02) 678-5605. NIS 579 for the whole set.

Ratings: ★★★★★

If Noah had had a computer on the ark, he could have used this encyclopedic software collection to keep track of all his passengers. With thousands of species, from the lowly one-celled amoeba to mammals like whales and zebras, this multimedia collection actually explains the animal kingdom to young children, teenagers and adults alike.

None of the disks has to be installed; it's truly plug in and play.

The program is operated with the World Book's "Power CD" system. Starting with disk 1 (sponges, anemones, corals and flatworms) through disk 10 (canids through sheep), each CD-ROM includes a multimedia presentation that summarizes the entire collection as well as highlighting the disk currently in your drive. In between the sponges and the higher mammals are non-insect arthropods, insects, amphibians, reptiles and birds.

You can see the three-toed sloth, the Spanish shawl (a sea creature), the bumphead nassa (a fish with a Jimmy Durante-like nose), the mudkipper, the diango, the sea pen (a sea animal that looks like rust-

the section of text that answers the question. The test sections, however, do not grade your answers.

There was no geographical breakdown of the native regions of each species, although their origins are mentioned in some of the text entries. I didn't see any specifically Israeli entries, such as the Cana'ani dog.

This outstanding collection would have been even better had it included animal sounds and bits of video film, but this would probably have taken up space unavailable on the chock-full disks.

The price, NIS 579, might seem steep, but not when you consider the large number of disks, the high quality of the material and the fact that some single multimedia computer disks cost NIS 200 and up. The Animal Kingdom is an excellent reference tool for all, and a special gift for people who, like Noah, love animals.

Gordisk 1, a package of three CD-ROMs in Hebrew — Balonet Otiot, EE Hamisparim and Mis'hahei Hashiva — produced by Compedia, for children aged three to six, NIS 129.

Ratings: ★★★★★

In the world of multimedia software, each year brings a harvest of more sophisticated products that use more memory and offer more eye-catching, breathtaking graphics. But not in this package, meant for pre-schoolers.

Gordisk seems to have been held over from a previous software generation (about three years ago), when animation was primitive and children were excited just by the idea of interacting with images on the screen. Some of the games even require users to press arrow or letter keys instead of clicking on the mouse.

Compedia, it seems, took material from old, previously released disks, added some new material and suited the programs to Windows 95, in addition to Windows 3.1. The quality is way behind that of current entertainment for young children.

One suspects that the package includes three separate disks to make parents feel that they're getting a lot of product for a small price. But although some children may enjoy it, the product offers little challenge to six-year-olds.

The first disk, Balonet Otiot, teaches the Hebrew letters in script and print. A variety of pedestrian games then test what the child has learned. The voice of actress Hani Nahmias sounds a letter; and, if you press the right key, a fuzzy picture becomes clearer. A balloon marked with a Hebrew letter passes over four baskets; if you key in the match quickly, the letter falls into the closest basket. In other games, you have to choose what letter a word begins with, or match the printed version with the script.

The arithmetic disk has a home screen showing three children; a click offers a choice of three games. In one game the user is presented with two groups of objects and asked to click on the group with the higher number; another game shows a sequence of five numbers, with one missing, and the user has to key in the absent figure. Kids can also save numbers trapped in a burning building. Click on the keyboard arrows to get the fireman to the right floor.

One odd feature is a story told to Gordi, the green elf hero of the Compedia series, by his equally green grandfather. Grandpa tells how he managed to survive a shipwreck, and explains mathematical principles such as "more" or "less" along the way.

The Mis'hahei Hashiva (thinking games) disk functions at up to six levels of difficulty and, according to Compedia, is suited for children aged three to seven. Users must find their way through a maze (again using the arrow keys instead of the mouse); add missing parts of 16 different pictures; and select missing parts to match geometric figures or pictures of objects. None of these games is likely to increase your child's IQ.

One Saturday morning on the sidelines of a soccer game, where mothers keep one eye on the action while sharing their triumphs and confessing their failures to other mothers, a friend told me of the time she retrieved her startled teenaged daughters from a parent-less house where they had been harmlessly hanging out with a couple of platonic male friends.

In the car on the way home, she tried to explain her caution to her outraged girls: "Look, you don't understand what it is like for boys. They will do anything, say anything to get you into bed..."

She was stunned into silence by her daughters' explicit response, which was that they shared the urgent sexual needs commonly attributed to boys.

It came as a revelation to this mother, but it should be a warning to us all: Our daughters feel the power surges of puberty just as our sons do.

Have we forgotten this, too?

Have we no memory of the pelvic buzz we felt when we looked eyes with the cutest boy in school? Don't we remember when we ached to be touched, to be kissed? Or when we were just plain curious to know what everyone was talking about?

Fear, I think, has caused us to deny that these feelings exist in our daughters. Sex is less about good girls vs. bad girls these days, and more about safety: from pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and date rape. We can protect our daughters better if we persuade them not to have sex at all.

As a result, the sex education of our daughters is woefully incomplete. We tell them how to have sex, but we don't tell them what would make them want to have sex. And we frame the entire discussion in the language of resistance: How to say 'no' to a boy.

No wonder that when sex stops being icky and becomes something a girl wants, she is confused and ashamed.

And a girl who is never given the opportunity to talk about those desires — to learn that they are normal and healthy, to learn what to do with them — may never take the next, most important step. She may not arm herself against pregnancy and disease, because protection requires preparation, and that means she was looking to have sex.

The intoxicating feelings of desire — so few, so unpredictable, so frightening — are dangerous in young girls only if we do not help them to understand them and, inso-

far as they can, get a grip on them.

If a girl does not know how to say to a boy, "Yeah, I want sex. I want it as bad as you do. I just don't want it right now, and I may never want it with you," she is handicapped, and it is our fault.

THE sexual revolution has failed if we still believe that sex for girls is only about being in love.

That's our old baggage. Sex surveys show that girls are having sex younger and with many more partners before marriage than we did. Surveys also show they believe that women are equally responsible for initiating sex, not only in established relationships but in new ones.

Girls today are more like the boys we demonize than they are like their mothers. Today it is the rare young girl who will first explore her sexuality in the semi-

adult world of college. The average age of the first sexual experience is 16 and dropping.

And it is often true that a girl is having sex not because her boyfriend wants her to, but because her girlfriends pressure her. You are nothing if you haven't gone all the way, her friends will tell her, even though most of them are boasting and posturing and lying about their own experiences.

If it is difficult to resist the persuasions of a boy she fears will dump her if she does not come across, how impossible must it be to stand up to a clique of girlfriends who will shun her in a cold-hearted minute?

How do we help her sort it all out?

"One of the problems for girls in the '90s is that sex is everywhere," says author Mary Pipher, explaining the pressures young girls endure in

her best-seller *Reviving Ophelia*.

"They are constantly bombarded with sexual images. And they are constantly being told, 'Sex is great, it's sophisticated, it's fun. Go do it.'"

Because of how sex is portrayed in movies, television and advertising, young girls can easily conclude that couples go directly from a deep kiss to the nearest bed.

"Everything they see jumps to intercourse," says Pipher. "Kids don't have any sense that in this culture there are breaks and limits between kissing and having intercourse."

Sex is so stressful for girls in the '90s that it is often accompanied by furious chemical use. Only when they are anesthetized by alcohol or drugs can they face the terrifying combination of desire, fear of AIDS or pregnancy, and their need for love and affection.

Stepping in between siblings



By Ruth Mason

"Hey! That's my model. Give it back!"

"No, it's not, we traded!"

"We did not!"

Hands start flying along with the words, and within seconds your boys are embroiled in a fight.

"Get out of my room!"

"No — I just want to see something."

Your older daughter picks up her little sister and tries to shove her out of her room while the younger one holds onto the doorpost, screaming. A push-pull battle ensues.

What do you do? Some experts advise parents to stay out of kids' fights completely. But some find

they can't take the noise, while others feel a need to protect younger, weaker siblings from older, stronger ones.

Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, authors of *Siblings Without Rivalry*, believe parents can use sibling fights to teach their children how to get along. All their books acknowledge their debt to the late child psychologist Dr. Haim Ginott, author of *Between Parent and Child* and other books.

In their workshops Faber and Mazlish direct two parents to role-play a fight as if they were children. Other parents in the group take turns reacting as they would at home.

Here are some of their reactions: Telling the kids to stop; taking away the toy they're fighting over and sending them to their rooms; trying to persuade them to play nicely together; taking one or another child's side based on which one they think is right; trying to find out who started the fight.

When Faber and Mazlish ask the "children" to comment on these reactions, participants soon begin to see how unhelpful they really are.

The children feel unfairly blamed, and don't get a chance to express

their feelings. Mutual hostility increases, along with satisfaction at getting someone else into trouble.

FABER and Mazlish believe parents should try not to interfere, but say that when they must, they should urge the children to work out their differences themselves. Good preparation for life, they call it.

"Children should have the freedom to resolve their own differences," Faber and Mazlish write. "They are also entitled to adult intervention when necessary."

Minor bickering, they say, should be ignored. But when you feel things have gotten out of hand, think of these five steps when intervening in a fight:

• Acknowledge the children's anger by saying something like: "Boy, you two sure sound mad at each other."

• Listen to each child's side with respect. Rephrase what they say to make sure you understand and let them know you hear them, as in: "So, you want to kick the ball home (wait for a response) and you want to bounce it home."

• Demonstrate that you appreciate the difficulty of the problem:

"That's a tough one — two kids wanting to play with the same ball at the same time."

• Express faith in their ability to work out a solution: "I'm sure that if you put your heads together you'll come up with a solution that feels fair to both of you."

• Leave the scene.

In the real-life situation described above, involving a five-year-old girl and her three-year-old brother, the children both stopped and thought. After a minute the girl said, "I know! We can play go-in-front-go-in-front," and on the spot made up a game that both children played all the way home from the park.

When this kind of approach is used children tend to feel respected instead of feeling put down or having their hostile feelings toward their siblings fired up.

These suggestions are not carved in stone. If your kids are new at the "game" and you feel they need some help, you could casually throw out a simple suggestion or two before you leave. (But leaving is important, since children often act up in front of adults for their own motives.)

If, however, you see your children are about to hurt each other, a different kind of intervention is necessary.

• Describe what you see, forcefully and loudly: "I see one boy about to throw a block and another about to hit with a baseball bat. And both of them are furious!"

• Set limits: "This is a dangerous situation. We need a cooling-off period."

• Separate them: "Quick! You to your room, and you to yours."

If the problem is a complex one and the children have not been able to solve it themselves, you might need to call a family meeting to come up with options.

In that case, explain the purpose of the meeting and the ground rules (for example, each child gets to express his or her feelings without interruption). Write down each child's feelings and concerns and read them aloud, then allow time for rebuttal. Ask everyone to come up with solutions. Write them all down without judging, then pick one or more solutions everyone can live with. Arrange a time for a follow-up meeting.

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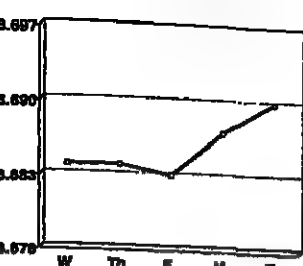
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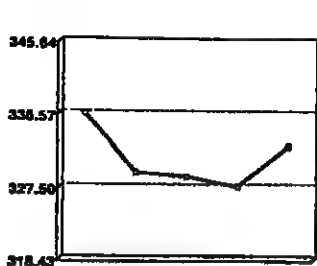
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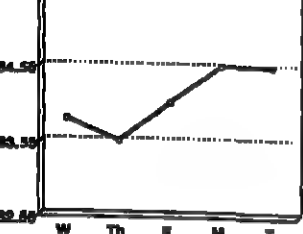


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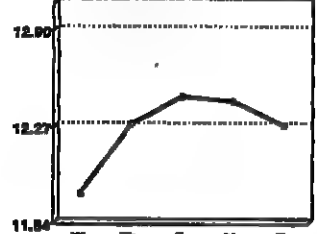
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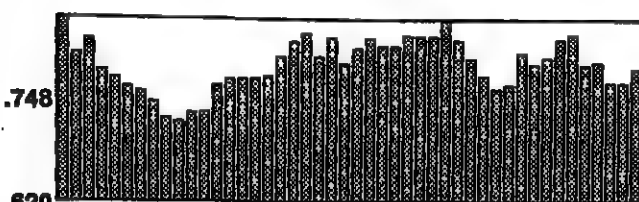


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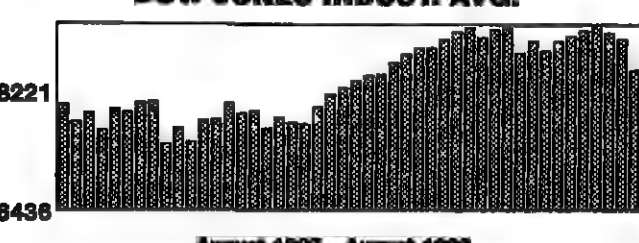
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Regulator cuts electricity prices

The Public Utilities Authority-Electricity yesterday decided to cut the cost of electricity by 2.53 percent, effective Sunday. Household consumers will pay 27.69 agorot for a kilowatt hour, compared to the present 28.32 agorot. Since October, electricity prices have been reduced by some 6%.

David Harris

July tourism down 5.2%

The number of tourists arriving by air in July fell 5.2% to 126,000, compared to the same month last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. Since the turn of the year, some 864,000 have arrived, in comparison to the 934,000 in the equivalent period in 1997. In the first seven months of 1998, the figure reached 959,000, despite the suicide bombings early in the spring.

David Harris

PM's aide: Tax reform won't harm the poor

By DAVID HARRIS

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yehuda Neeman have agreed that if the poor "will lose even one shekel as a result of the tax reform, they will simply be no tax reform," a top Netanyahu aide said this week.

Fears have been expressed by MKs from all parties that the planned reform will include the abolition of tax breaks currently available for those in low income brackets.

"There is no disagreement between the two," said the confidante, dismissing media reports that Netanyahu is dissatisfied with Neeman's failure thus far to have presented his plans for tax reform.

Neeman was, until his holiday this week, said by his own staff to be working night and day to ensure at least part of the plan is implemented according to schedule on January 1. The Treasury spokesman's office said the intention is to introduce the plans to the cabinet immediately after ministers vote on the exact composition of the state budget, either in the last week of August or

in early September. The main basis of the tax reform, according to Neeman's advisers on the subject, include:

- Removing existing exemptions to the overall value of NIS 5 - NIS 8 billion.
- Reducing the top tax bracket payment from 50 percent to some 35 - 40%.
- Implementing tax changes in the capital markets. Details of this element remain secret. Neeman has said the reform will include some of the recommendations of the shelved 1996 Brodet Committee. The main aim of the Brodet proposals was to encourage long-term savings, including taxing interest on short- and medium-term savings.

Only half the measures proposed by Neeman will become operative in January, according to an official in Netanyahu's office. Neeman originally promised to submit his recommendations to Netanyahu no later than December 31 last year but has asked for several extensions.

Netanyahu will only accept the program if it takes the top income tax bracket below 40%, said the official.

Blue Sq. net up 14%

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Blue Square yesterday reported that second-quarter net income rose 14 percent to NIS 32.7 million from NIS 28.7m. during the same period last year.

Revenues for the second quarter rose 9.9% to NIS 1.4 billion from NIS 1.28b. a year earlier. The announcement indicates that profits of the country's largest retail stores continue to rise despite the economic slowdown. The report came only a week after Super-Sol, the country's second largest supermarket chain, said that second-quarter net profit rose by 4.9% to NIS 28.5m.

Blue Square said that net income for the first half of 1998 increased 10% to NIS 57.4m. from NIS 52.2m. a year earlier. Revenues for the first six months rose 13.2% to NIS 2.7b. from NIS 2.4m.

Further evidence of the limited impact of the economic slowdown came as the company reported that supermarket sales represented 77% of total revenues, increasing 12% compared to the second quarter of 1997.

The company said, however, that results of its Hamashbir subsidiary during the last two years reflect the slowdown of the economy, which has affected the department and specialty sector more than the supermarket sector. Hamashbir's second quarter revenues rose 8.4% to NIS 314m. from NIS 289 a year earlier. Revenues for the first six months rose 15.6% to NIS 589m. from NIS 510m.

Blue Square operates 149 supermarkets and 41 department and specialty stores. Earlier this year, the company said that it intends to sell its holdings in Hamashbir and other non-supermarket business.

Following ruble devaluation

Russian bank sector faces consolidation

By JULIE TOLKACHEVA

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's sharp switch in economic policy, including a de facto devaluation, has put the banking system on the verge of collapse and only a handful of the biggest institutions will stay afloat, analysts said yesterday.

The government said on Monday it was giving up its policy of a smooth ruble depreciation against the dollar by widening significantly the band where it allows the ruble to be traded.

Analysts said the move was a major hit for the bank system, forcing banks to default on foreign exchange spot and forward contracts, pushing the price of foreign credit servicing sharply up, and increasing individuals' demand for dollars.

"We shall witness massive bankruptcies and the central bank will allow it," said Andrei Ivanov, bank analyst at finance house Troika Dialog.

"The biggest banks will stay, but maybe one or two out of the biggest will be restructured or nationalized," he said, adding that smaller banks would either go or merge with bigger ones.

International rating agency Standard & Poor's expressed these worries on Monday, when it downgraded its long-term counterparty credit ratings on six Russian banks.

"The announcement of the widening of the ruble/dollar corridor should lead to a rapid depreciation in the value of the ruble," Standard & Poor's said. "This will have a disastrous effect on the rated banks, most of whom have sizable levels of foreign currency liabilities."

Among the gloom of the ruble problems, there came some relief for banks in the form of a 90-day foreign debt moratorium on some foreign credits.

"What the government has done is... let the ruble change more quickly than was good for the



Russians change money at an exchange booth in downtown Moscow yesterday. Monday's de facto devaluation and debt moratorium are expected to deal a severe blow to the Russian banking system. (AP)

banking system, but it has taken other measures to prevent the system from collapsing," said Richard Hainsworth, analyst at Thomson BankWatch.

But he said the moratorium undermined Russian bank credit-

worthiness, which would take years to re-establish.

"That is the major drawback of this particular set of policies," he said.

The six banks whose counterparty ratings were cut by S&P

the humiliating "Not Meaningful" were Alfa Bank, Inkombank, SBS-Agro, Vozrozhdeniye, Aljba-Aliance, and Rossiyskiy Kredit.

The government steps came after banks were cut off from liquidity sources as the interbank for-

eign currency and credit markets and government paper markets ground to a halt and the central bank stopped banks buying dollars for their own account.

"The banking system at the moment has collapsed," Hainsworth said, adding there were almost no transfers between banks on a regular basis, while most small businesses had stopped transferring money through banks.

"The bank system as an operating functional system has collapsed but banks themselves have not yet collapsed," he said.

Analysts said the fate of the banks was totally dependent on whether the population starts a run on their bank accounts.

People have already started trying to exchange rubles for dollars and get their money from banks, but it has so far not grown into a mass rush for cash.

A support to the system came as the 12 biggest banks - UNEXIM, MOST-Bank, Inkombank, SBS-Agro, Rossiyskiy Kredit, National Reserve Bank, Sberbank, Vneshtorgbank, MENATEP, Alfa Bank, Vneshekonombank, and the Bank of Moscow - agreed to meet obligations to retail depositors and maintain credit lines with each other.

The government and the central bank welcomed the decision and promised support.

But analysts said the central bank was unlikely to sacrifice its reserves and the ruble rate to bail out even these 12.

"We believe the central bank will support this group in the short term to prevent the systemic crisis from deepening, which could have political consequences for the current government," finance house United Financial Group said in a statement.

"This short-term strategy does not mean that the central bank might not move to shut down or sell off any weak members of this group of 12 at a later date, once the market stabilizes."

Experts: Russian gov't bought time

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financial markets react. Don't do anything rash too soon, they said.

But Yeltsin apparently thought that investors had made up their minds anyway, and decided, in effect, to beat the markets to the punch and do himself what his advisers contended would have been inevitable in a worst-case scenario: Devalue and declare a debt moratorium.

"They figured that in the end they couldn't hold it back anymore," said Morris Goldstein, an analyst with the Institute for International Economics.

Nevertheless, analysts said, what Yeltsin did Monday was a nail-biting gamble. If it works, Yeltsin could emerge with a stronger economic program and improved prospects for bringing Russia out of the economic abyss. But if it fails, he may not have any more breathing room.

Russia on Monday joined a growing list of nations that have suffered currency devaluations over the past 13 months. Eleven countries have either had official devaluations or seen their currencies forced lower by the markets.

The initial reaction to Russia's announcement was predictably mixed. Currency and stock prices in most Asian and Latin American emerging markets declined. The US dollar fell. But the US stock market soared.

But analysts noted that a more important market reading of the situation will be Friday, when the Duma, the lower house of Russia's parliament, meets to take up the reforms that Yeltsin has proposed.

What the lawmakers do will be crucial, both for restoring confidence in Russia's markets and for putting the economy on track.

create enough of a crisis to spur lawmakers into action.

And several Russia-watchers noted that if Yeltsin is allowed to move ahead with his reforms, the impact on all fronts could be short-lived. "It might not last that long if he can put these reforms into place," one analyst said.

Russian officials have intentionally structured their devaluation so the ruble's value can rise unimpeded if the markets react favorably. And the debt moratorium might well be ended before the 90-day limit.

But the list of needed reforms is daunting, and they would be difficult for even a more sophisticated

and like-minded legislature to enact. Besides devising a tax-col-

lection system, the IMF wants Russia to overhaul its entire banking structure, provide a legal framework for the ownership of private property, enact new bankruptcy laws, and sell off more of its government-run companies to private entrepreneurs.

Whatever the outcome, there is no doubt that Yeltsin has taken a risk - particularly in declaring the debt moratorium and in forcing commercial banks to renegotiate their loans, steps that are likely to make investors wary for some time to come.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LAST	CHANGE	LAST	CHANGE
US Dollar	1.0000		
British Pound	0.6750		
Japanese Yen	0.0070		
Swiss Franc	0.7500		
German Mark	0.5500		
French Franc	0.1667		
Italian Lira	0.0014		
Spanish Peseta	0.0167		
Portuguese Escudo	0.0020		
Belgian Franc	0.0333		

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

LAST	CHANGE	LAST	CHANGE
DJ Industrials	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 30	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 100	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 200	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 500	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 1000	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 1500	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 2000	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 2500	2714.00	+130.8	
DJ 3000	2714.00	+130.8	

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

LAST	CHANGE	LAST	CHANGE
FTSE 100	2648.2	+1.8	
Nikkei 225	15063.79	+1.82%	
DAX	2648.2	+1.8	
Hang Seng	10000.0	+0.5	
ASX	10000.0	+0.5	
NYSE	10000.0	+0.5	
AMEX	10000.0	+0.5	
NYSE	10000.0	+0.5	
AMEX	10000.0	+0.5	

DOLLAR CROSSEXTES (US)

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French Franc	0.1667		
Italian Lira	0.0014		
Spanish Peseta	0.0167		
Portuguese Escudo	0.0020		
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US COMMODITIES

LAST	CHANGE	LAST	CHANGE
Crude Oil	28.45	+0.05	
Gold	375.00	+0.05	
Silver	5.50	+0.05	
Copper	1.50	+0.05	
Platinum	1000.00	+0.05	
Palladium	2000.00	+0.05	
Nickel	100.00	+0.05	
Zinc	100.00	+0.05	
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LONDON COMMODITIES

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Aluminum	100.00	+0.05	

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

LAST	CHANGE	LAST	CHANGE
Gold	375.00	+0.05	
Silver	5.50	+0.05	
Copper	1.50	+0.05	
Platinum	1000.00	+0.05	
Palladium	2000.00	+0.05	
Nickel	100.00	+0.05	
Zinc	100.00	+0.05	
Lead	100.00	+0.05	
Aluminum	100.00	+0.05	
Iron Ore	100.00	+0.05	

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

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LONDON METAL FIXES

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Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks rose for the first time in four days after a rally in US stocks eased concern a global slump in demand will erode exporters' profit.

Teva Pharmaceuticals, the nation's largest drugmaker which exports about half of its products to the US, rose 4.8 percent to NIS 146.20, helping to push the Maof Index of 25 largest companies up 1.54 percent to 332.55. Twenty-two shares rose, two fell and one closed unchanged.

Analysts said gains in US and European markets helped abate concern the devaluation of Russia's ruble and Asia's economic recession will reduce global demand and profit growth of exporters around the world, including Israel.

"The reaction in New York and Europe to what happened in Russia is bringing back confidence to markets around the world," said Zvi Hoffman, the managing director of Impact Securities.

Nice Systems, a maker of voice and fax archiving systems which earns more than three-quarters of its revenue from outside of Israel, jumped 5.8 percent to NIS 138.70, more than recouping Monday's drop of 1.87 percent.

Israeli Chemicals, one of the nation's largest fertilizer makers which earned about a quarter of its 1997 revenue from Asia, rose 1.55 percent to NIS 4.59.

Makhteshim-Agan Industries, a

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maker of crop protection chemicals, rose 1.81 percent to NIS 11.23.

Formula Systems, an Israeli software producer which earned a third of its 1997 revenue from outside of Israel, soared 7.26 percent to NIS 110.80 after it said second-quarter profit doubled on higher sales and increased margins.

Its shares had dropped more than 3.7 percent in the past three days.

Formula's profit for the quarter rose to a higher-than-expected \$3.1 million, or 40 cents a share, from \$1.5 million a year ago.

Analysts expected a profit of 37 cents a share.

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"A person only has to look to see that there is a very severe water shortage and people are suffering," Natshe said.

Zucker told reporters: "It's one of the worst cases of discrimina-

tion I've ever seen, it's apartheid." He and his colleagues accused the government of reducing the water supply in the West Bank, and are demanding its full restoration.

"This is not part of the political process, it's a racist attitude that says the Arab doesn't have to wash as much as we do, he doesn't need to flush the toilet like us, so he deserves less water," Zucker said.

"Israel has full control of the water supply, so while there's a water shortage in Hebron, in adjacent Kiryat Arba and other settlements the sprinklers are working in the public gardens and there's no water problem at all."

Pines said the MKs went into apartments in Hebron and Dehaishe, where no water came out of the faucets and there was no water in the toilets. UNRWA water trucks were driving around in an attempt to alleviate the residents' plight.

"Every Palestinian must get water just like every Israeli does," said Pines. "Water is not part of the political game."

"Thirsty people are oppressed and feel humiliated. This creates anger and resentment."

Commenting on a reported remark by Sharon that the Palestinians' water system was old and that 40% of the water is leak-

ing out, Zucker said: "Israel has been in charge of that system for the past 31 years. It wasn't Arafat who laid those pipes, the Israeli authorities did. So Israel should fix them."

The MKs discovered a black market for water has developed. Near the Bethlehem checkpoint, a Palestinian with a tanker was

selling water for exorbitant prices.

"I don't know where the water came from, maybe from Israel, maybe they stole it from the pipes. But these are Third World sights, which Israel and Sharon are responsible for, as long as we control the water supply," Pines said.

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Don't rule Junior out

These are the dog days. That can be taken literally - Saturday actually was Dog Day at Comiskey Park, with pet owners parading their canines around the field before the game - and figuratively. The first two weeks of August had dogged Ken Griffey Jr. with a home-run drought.

He finally broke through Saturday with his 42nd, a two-run, opposite-field shot in the first inning of the Seattle Mariners' 13-7 win over the White Sox. It was his first since July 30, after 54 homerless at-bats. It was a statement that reminded everyone Griffey still is in the race with Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa to break Roger Maris's single-season home run record.

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He does spend a good deal of energy avoiding a subject he

doesn't worry about - he repeatedly rejected reporters' attempts to talk after the game. Still, the Mariners believe the race really doesn't affect him on the field. "Junior can handle this stuff," said teammate Russ Davis. "He's handled it for 10 years. He could get hot and hit 10 in a week."

If he hadn't hit one Saturday, maybe he never would have. He was facing Navarro, one of the majors' great gopher-ball specialists, who has allowed 27 homers. That notwithstanding, the Mariners have been encouraged by the way Griffey's sweet swing has been connecting lately.

"He's been scuffling a little bit, I don't know why," Manager Lou Piniella said, adding that Griffey had not wanted a day off.

"I DH'd him last weekend in Toronto - that's a day off for Junior. But he'll get it going."

"When you see him hitting the ball hard to all fields, he's back," hitting coach Jesse Barfield said, noting that the home run wasn't the result of a mighty back. "I'm constantly reminding him that you get results when you try to hit it hard, not far. When you hit it hard, it jumps."

"He caught his second wind. Usually, he's the type who gets hot toward the end of the season. He's going to give McGwire and anyone else a run for the money, I tell you that," Barfield said.

(Newsday)

MY CALL

by Mike McRae

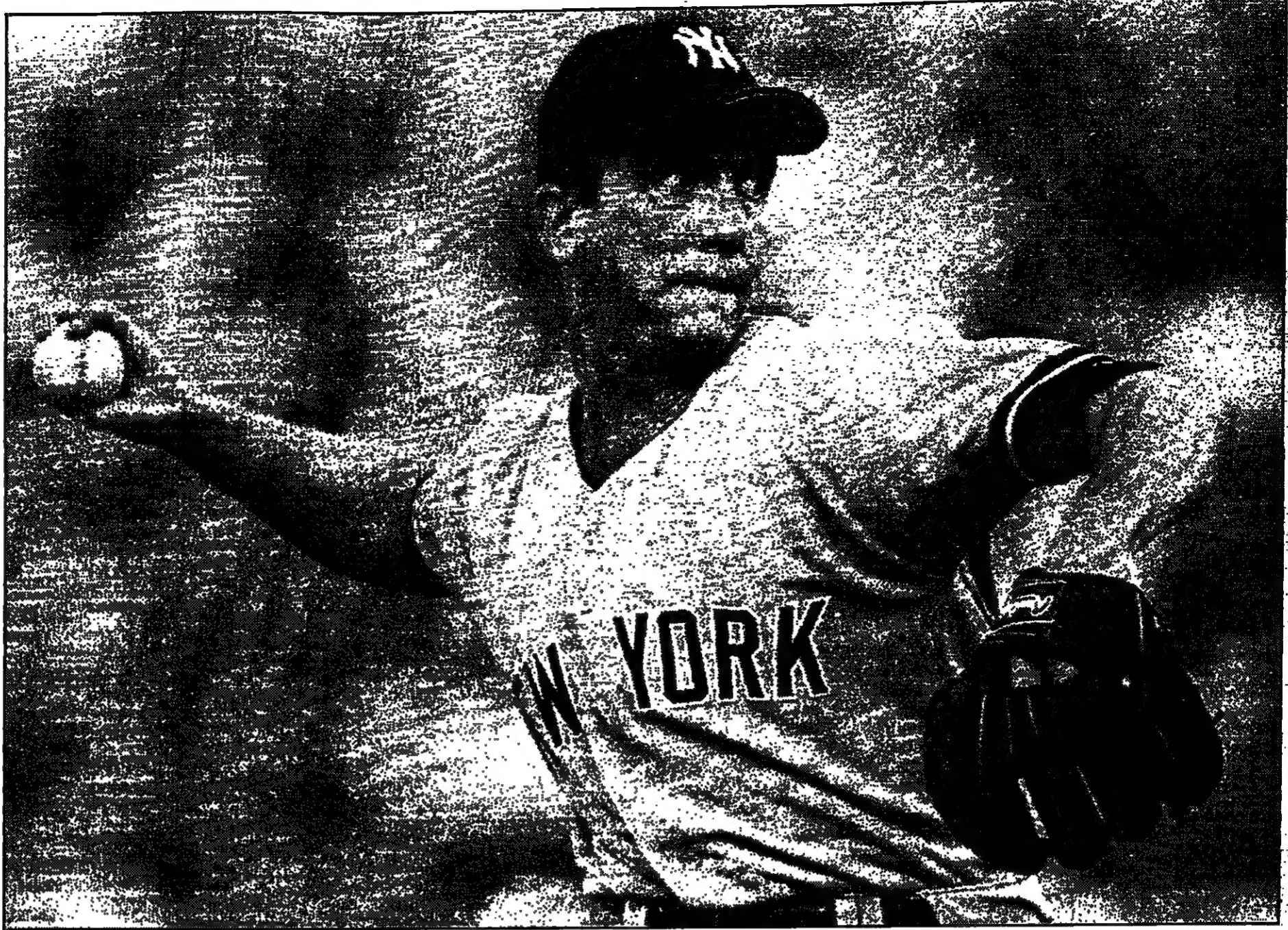
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MOWIN' 'EM DOWN - David Cone delivers the goods and wins his 18th game of the season for the Yankees.

(Reuters)

Owners' lockout at standstill



DALLAS (AP) - NBA players awaiting an arbitration hearing that could swing the leverage in collective bargaining talks don't expect any forward motion in the stalemate for at least a week.

About a dozen players attended a regional meeting of the players association Monday. The union is holding player meetings across the country.

The next step in getting both sides back to the bargaining table hinges on a decision by arbitrator John Feerick, the dean of the Fordham University law school, said Billy Hunter, executive director of the NBA Player's Association.

Feerick will convene a hearing August 24 to decide whether about 220 players with guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout. Hunter said he expects a decision by Labor Day.

"We're anxious to negotiate, but that won't occur until after August 24," Hunter said.

What Feerick says will probably decide who comes back to

the negotiations with the stronger bargaining stance. Bargaining broke down in early August when NBA commissioner David Stern and the owners abruptly left a meeting after receiving the players' latest offer.

If Feerick rules that owners do not have to pay those players during the lockout, then the owners could gamble that players will soften their stance under the threat of continued money loss.

Players adamantly oppose the hard salary cap pushed by owners, fearing that superstars would use up most of the money available under the cap and leave others fighting for the scraps. Hunter said if that issue is resolved, he believes the others will fall into place.

"Everything is going smoothly, and we feel like everybody's got to keep a level head and find a way to compromise," said Samaki Walker of the Dallas Mavericks.

The issue of whether to include marijuana in the NBA's drug policy is one of the few areas of agreement between the players and owners.

Both have agreed to add marijuana to the list of banned substances, but the players association says that will only happen after other agreements are released.

"We'll incorporate it if we get everything else," Hunter said.

Cone beats Royals for 18th win

KANSAS CITY (Reuters, AP) - David Cone became the majors' first 18-game winner and Chili Davis contributed an RBI single in his long-awaited return as the New York Yankees remained perfect against the Kansas City Royals this season, coasting to a 7-1 victory on Monday.

Cone (18-4) defeated the Royals for the second time in 10 days and won his third straight start. The hard-throwing right-hander, who won the Cy Young Award with Kansas City in 1994, has three more victories than any other pitcher in the American League this season.

"It was probably the best fastball I've had this season," Cone said.

Cone allowed one run and five hits with four walks and four strikeouts over seven innings. Bernie Williams homered for the second straight game and added an RBI single for the Yankees.

Tim Lincecum tacked on a solo homer in the eighth inning as

New York (91-30) won for the 11th time in 12 games. The Yankees are on pace to amass 122 wins, which would shatter the major-league record of 116 set by the 1906 Chicago Cubs.

Orlando 3, Twins 2

Scott Erickson (13-9) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings and matched his career high with 10 strikeouts.

Jimmy Key pitched a perfect eighth and Armando Benitez got three outs for his 18th save. Hawkins (7-12) was the loser.

Indians 4, Devil Rays 3

Rookie Richie Sexson was 3-for-4 with his first major league homer and two RBIs as the host Indians beat Wilson Alvarez (5-12) and won for the 18th time in 38 games since the All-Star break.

Cecil Fielder, signed last Thursday, made his first start for Cleveland and was 0-for-4. Manny Ramirez hit his 29th homer.

Mariners 3, Tigers 1

Janie Moyer (10-8) beat visit-

ing Detroit for the third time this season and Ken Griffey Jr. doubled twice.

Griffey, who leads the major leagues with 72 extra-base hits, was 2-for-4, striking out and flying out. His league-leading home run total remained at 42, and he has just one in his last 58 at-bats.

Angels 7, White Sox 2

Rookie Chris Pritchett drove in four runs and Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer as host Anaheim won for the seventh time in nine games.

Steve Sparks (7-2) won his fourth consecutive decision, helping Anaheim increase its AL West lead over Texas to one game. He allowed nine hits in seven innings, giving up consecutive homers to Frank Thomas and Albert Belle in the fourth.

Rookie Jim Parque (3-5) gave up seven runs and nine hits in six innings.

Blue Jays 4, Athletics 2

At Oakland, Jose Canseco broke a fifth-inning tie with his 33rd homer and Kelvin Escobar

won as a starter for the first time.

With the score 2-2, Canseco homered on a 1-2 pitch from Tom Candiotti (8-14). Shawn Green added his 23rd, a ninth-inning shot off Buddy Groom.

Escobar (2-1) allowed both runs and four hits in 6½ innings, walked six and struck out three. Dan Plesac got the final out for his second save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies 4, Astros 0

Paul Byrd, signed only three days earlier, outshined Randy Johnson with a four-hitter and also hit an RBI single as Philadelphia won.

Johnson (3-1), coming off consecutive shutouts, left after the fifth trailing 3-0. He allowed six hits and four walks, striking out just three.

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	91	30	.752	-
Boston	71	50	.587	20
Baltimore	66	58	.532	24½
Toronto	63	61	.508	29½
Tampa Bay	48	74	.393	43½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	68	55	.553	-
Chicago	55	67	.451	12½
Kansas City	55	69	.444	13½
Minnesota	54	69	.439	14
Detroit	46	74	.383	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	67	57	.540	-
Texas	65	57	.533	1
San Diego	56	66	.459	10
Oakland	54	70	.435	13

Diamondbacks 6, Expos 1

David Dellucci hit a three-run triple and Andy Benes (11-11) won his fourth consecutive start as Arizona dropped Montreal to 0-3 on its road trip.

Benes limited the Expos to one run and three hits in eight innings, retiring his final 13 batters to reach .500 for the first time since he was 3-3 in mid-May.

Wild Card Standings - American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	71	50	.587	-
Texas	65	57	.533	6½
Baltimore	66	58	.532	6½

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	68	56	.548	-
New York	66	55	.545	2
San Francisco	66	58	.532	2
Los Angeles	62	62	.500	6

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	62	42	.641	-
New York	64	55	.545	10½
Philadelphia	61	62	.496	20½
Montreal	49	76	.392	33½
Florida	44	80	.355	38

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	76	49	.608	-
Chicago	68	56	.548	7½
St. Louis	59	63	.484	15½
Minnesota	59	65	.476	16½
Cincinnati	54	68	.452	19½
Pittsburgh	56	68	.452	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	60	44	.575	-
San Francisco	66	58	.532	14
Los Angeles	62	62	.500	18
Colorado	57	67	.460	23
Arizona	47	77	.379	33

Huddle: No bad vibes from players

BURNHAM BEECHES, England (AP) - England soccer coach Glenn Hoddle said yesterday he has not received any angry reactions from players over his controversial World Cup book.

His book, *The 1998 World Cup Story*, sparked criticism when details of how Paul Gascoigne went berserk when he was axed from England's squad were published in the *Sun* newspaper.

But Hoddle, speaking at England's Euro 2000 training base, said criticism of his book was unjustified and the players did not have any problems with it. He also said the controversy would not affect his position as England coach.

"There has been no adverse feelings among the players, they have been very positive," he said. "I asked any players to come and see me if they had a problem and not one came forward."

"No confidences have been betrayed. It is a positive book - positive about the England team and its players, positive about our future prospects."

The British media, the players' association and several past and present players said Hoddle had breached the trust of players by publishing inside information about the team.

Cowboys get corralled in Mexico



MEXICO CITY (AP) - New England found its missing offense and maybe a running back, Mexican fans got a glimpse of hometown hero Marco Martos and the Dallas Cowboys continued to sputter.

A roaring crowd of 106,424, the second-largest in NFL history, saw New England roll over the Cowboys 21-3 Monday night behind the running of Sedrick Shaw and the passing of Drew Bledsoe.

It was the first ABC Monday Night Football broadcast partially preempted for news: President Clinton's speech admitting inappropriate relations with aide Monica Lewinsky.

Dallas might have wished the whole game had been preempted. It dropped its third straight preseason game following five consecutive losses at the end of 1997.

"We got stopped on fourth and a foot. We

didn't convert on third and 2. So we didn't score any points and we didn't move the football," said Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman, complaints that sounded suspiciously like those of last year's 6-10 season.

For New England, second-year running back Shaw fought for 50 yards on 14 rushes in two quarters and scored touchdowns from 9 and 1 yards out. Another 4-yard touchdown was called back on a penalty.

New England's rushing game had been lacking in two earlier preseason losses to San Francisco and Minnesota.

"I thought he ran real tough," coach Pete Carroll said.

"Obviously a nice job around the goal line, finding a way to get into the end zone. That was real good."

"Sedrick did some good things for us. Right now it looks like he'll be the guy," said Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe, who also seemed to click in the team's new short-drop system, going 9-of-14 for 69 yards.

Shaw's main competition for the starting role, rookie Robert Edwards, sat out with an injury.

Murray wrote the day before his death. Murray was known as a writer who could gracefully switch subjects and go from writing about the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Olympic Games to world title boxing matches to races at the Santa Anita track.

A thin, intelligent man, who wore distinctive thick black-framed glasses, Murray won the prestigious Pulitzer Prize in 1990

Dallas - known here as the Vaqueros - was the overwhelming favorite of the crowd at Aztec Stadium, whose donut-shaped roof trapped the tumult and caused occasional firecrackers to echo like rifle shots.

But Dallas's defense surrendered three touchdowns that were called back for penalties in addition to the three that counted. New England had 18 first downs to 9 for the Cowboys.

With Emmitt Smith resting a thigh injury, the Cowboys managed only 51 yards - and not a single first down - rushing.

Dallas's starting running back, rookie Tarek Smith, gained more in the air - 40 yards - than on the ground - 29.

The Cowboys' biggest cheers went to Martos, a product of the Mexican university league who played the last two seasons for Barcelona in the NFL Europe League.

Coming in with about a minute left, the Mexican receiver caught two balls for 19 yards, and dropped one.

He is expected to try to catch on in the Canadian Football League this season.

Murray, who worked for the *Times* since 1961, had previously been a writer for *Sports Illustrated*, *Time* magazine and the *Los Angeles Examiner*.

'LA Times' sports columnist Jim Murray, 78

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Pulitzer Prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* sports columnist Jim Murray, a wise-cracking fixture at most major US sporting events, has died, his newspaper said Monday. He was 78.

Murray died on Sunday night of a heart attack at his home, a spokeswoman for the newspaper said. His last column, about Saturday's Pacific Classic horse race, had appeared in that day's

paper. Containing his trademark humor and wit, the column was a piece of vintage Murray, about the comeback victory of Free House at the Del Mar race track.

"The bridesmaid finally caught the bouquet," he wrote. "Because of its age, the longest horse 'was expected to go quietly into the sunset."

"Anyway, it's nice to know getting older has its flip side."

CRITICS' CHOICE

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

The four-day Ethnodance festival starts today at Neveh Ofer in Tel Aviv. Neveh Ofer is the professional home of dancer/choreographers Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal and the festival celebrates their company's 10th anniversary and its connection to the South Tel Aviv neighborhood. There'll be free performances by local ethnic musicians on the plaza from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. French choreographer Anne-Marie Ponnas's *Nomades - Israel*, a lyrical work which salutes this country's ingathered people and the desert where the Jews became a nation, premieres at the festival. Live music is provided by musicians from Rajasthan, India, and from locals Yaron Hasson on guitar, Yair Dalal on the oud, the Aleyev family and singer Shifra Perez. Tonight at the Neveh Ofer auditorium at 8:30.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ *CARLA'S SONG* - Veteran British director Ken Loach's new movie is alternate-



Musicians from Rajasthan spice up the four-day Ethnodance festival.

ly powerful and problematic, epic and jerky, lovely and over-literal. Shot in the filmmaker's typically unadorned, almost documentary style and reliant on improvised-sounding dialogue, the picture is strongest when Loach and screenwriter Paul Laverty are not trying to make a political point. Indeed, the quiet first half of the film - which is set against the grayish backdrop of Glasgow and traces the start of a romance between an irreverent Scottish bus driver (Robert Carlyle) and a terrified Nicaraguan refugee (Oyanka Cabezas) - may be the most tender hour that Loach has ever shot. But the dynamic between the two shifts considerably with the film's palette (which brightens) and tone (which darkens) when the action moves on to Central America and the love story gives way to a familiar-feeling historical tract about the evils of US support for the right-wing Contra rebels. With Scott

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 De la Rous: Misa - L'Homme armé; Misa pro de la Rous (in French)
7:07 Haydn: Adagio in F major; Symphony in B flat major; Piano Sonata in E flat
8:05 Beethoven: Symphony no 3 "Eroica"
8:05 Brahms: Sonata no 1 for Violin and Piano op 78; Mendelssohn: Sonata for Piano and Strings; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 15
9:15 Dvorak: Symphony no 8 op 88; Beethoven: Symphony no 6 "Pastorale" (London Po / Boulder)
10:00 Light Classical - the Israel Chamber Orchestra plays Vivaldi, Mendelssohn and Grieg
12:55 Artist of the Week - Alban Berg: Quartet, Schubert: Quartet no 14 "Death and the Maiden"; Dvorak: Dumka movement from Quintet in A major for Piano and Strings op 81 (London)
14:00 News
16:00 Mozart: Symphony no 38 "K504" "Prague"; Beethoven: Concerto in B flat; Debussy: Sonata for Flute, Viola and Piano; Shostakovich: Concerto Grosso no 1
18:00 Dvorak: Romantic Pieces (4) for Violin and Piano op 75; Brahms: Intermezzo from op 116 (Pader)
19:00 Dvorak: Place for Oboe and Piano; Weber: Lullaby; Schumann:

Fantasieschubert op 75; Schumann: Papillons op 2; Tchaikovsky: Piano Trio op 5; Stravinsky: String Quartet "From My Life"
20:00 From the Concert Hall - (1) The Swerian Radio Symphony Orchestra / Loren Mazzoli, conductor; Brahms: German Requiem op 45; (2) Brahms: Sonata no 1 for Cello and Piano op 38; Sonata no 2 for Cello and Piano op 99; (3) Brahms: Piano Sonata in F minor op 22
22:00 Golden Generation - Sergei Rachmaninoff, piano, Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert/Liszt, Borodin and Rachmaninoff
23:00 News
23:00 BBC WORLD SERVICE
6:00 News
6:05 World Business Report
6:15 Sports Roundup
6:30 Inflight
6:45 Off the Shelf: No Full Stops in India
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Take Five
7:45 The World Today
7:50 One Planet
8:00 News
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8:30 Sports International
8:45 Off the Shelf: Anna Karenina, part 13
9:00 Mendelssohn Live
10:00 News
11:00 Pledge for Thought
11:15 Wrestling
11:30 Everywoman

with Aaron Katzman
7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
10:00 Blues Block with David Bender
10:45 Jerusalem Post Sports - tomorrow's sports tonight - with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Gusher presents "The Great Driver" - Panel Discussion
22:00 West Coast with David Susskauer
1:00 Late Night Music
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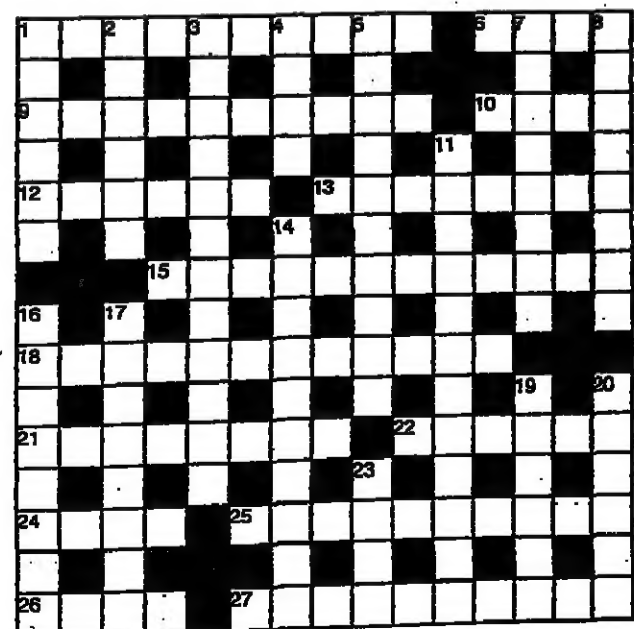
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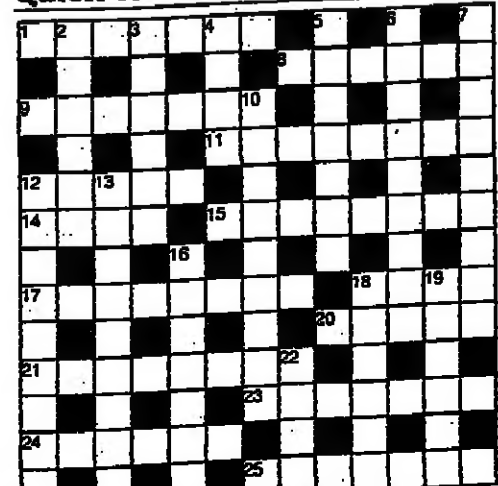
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- 6 Served, but had no come-back (4)
- 9 Masseux has record, before end of day, of the functions of living organisms (10)
- 10 It's said to put an end to prayer (4)
- 12 Deny mixing reagent, didn't start (6)
- 13 Violent weather not ordered at the castle (8)
- 15 Indication of more to come (8,4)
- 18 Vocalist opposed to current trend (7-5)
- 21 Containing the most subject-matter but of least interest to a vegetarian (8)

DOWN

- 1 Yawning space in Guatemala capital (6)
- 2 Envoy, a German, taking part in the trip (6)
- 3 Elaborate article to enter first (2,4,6)
- 4 Nothing I left you initially found greasy (4)



Quick crossword



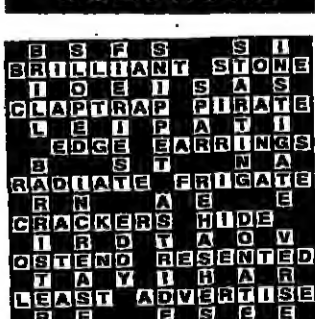
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- 8 Tried (6)
- 9 From end to end (7)
- 11 Up to now (8)
- 12 Excursion (5)
- 14 Not a lie (4)
- 15 Banana-like fruit (8)
- 17 Denied (8)
- 18 Seabird (4)
- 20 Gesture of indifference (5)
- 21 Slenderly (8)
- 23 Gaping (7)
- 24 Crush (6)
- 25 Individual (7)

DOWN

- 2 Try again (6)
- 3 Scribble (6)
- 4 Nearly (4)
- 5 Marsh-gate (7)
- 6 Astrologer (9)
- 7 Attaching (9)
- 10 US rustic (4-5)
- 12 Theatricality (9)
- 13 Absurd (9)
- 16 Take in marriage (7)
- 18 Isle in Kent (6)
- 19 Climbing bean (6)
- 22 Spun thread (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Duel, 3 Porpoise, 9 Imari, 10 Cryptic, 11 Yam, 13 Furniture, 14 Course, 16 Reminis, 23 Promenade, 24 NIA, 25 Inmate, 28 Byre.
DOWN: 1 Drily, 2 Era, 4 Occure, 5 Peyrie, 6 Intrusion, 7 Echevins, 8 Tuf, 12 Moussehole, 14 Coppins, 15 Shamans, 17 Turcan, 19 Eiba, 21 Tribe, 24 Lay.

TV

CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News Bash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Vacation TV
9:45 Enigma
10:10 Hot Shots
10:20 Playmate Melodrama
11:00 Clowance
11:25 Hot Science
11:30 Plastics
11:35 Vacation TV
14:30 Star Trek - Deep Space 9
15:15 SpaceShip Earth

CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap Free
15:35 X Men
15:45 Zap
16:05 Lassie
16:20 Zap
16:45 Zap
16:50 New Evening
17:45 USA High
18:00 1998 European Athletics Championships

ARABIC PROGRAMS

19:00 News
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CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's program
5:55 On the Edge of the Shell
6:00 Report Bear
6:30 Chico with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with Tel-Ad
6:50 The Third Time
6:55 Parent Trap
10:50 Disney Time
11:40 Empty Nest
12:05 Amazing Stories
12:30 Mega Movie Magic
13:00 Spalinder
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Meeting Point
15:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:00 News
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S. Africa take consolation win

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — South Africa's cricketers won a battle but lost the war yesterday, beating England in the last round of the limited-overs series but failing to qualify for the final.

South Africa, inspired by a man-of-the-match performance by veteran all-rounder Pat Symcox, beat England by 14 runs at Edgbaston after hitting 244 for seven in the first innings.

The Proteas needed to beat England by 47 runs to qualify for the final against Sri Lanka at Lord's tomorrow, which meant England only needed 198 yesterday to advance.

England was eventually bowled out for 230.

Triangular series match between England and South Africa at Edgbaston: South Africa won the toss. South Africa Innings: Gary Kirsten c Stewart b Gough 70, Mark Waugh b Gough 70, Daryll Gough b Gough 15, Jimmy Rhodes c Stewart b Mullaney 31, Hansie Cronje lbw b Gough 19, Jacques Kallis b Auzan 22, Shaun Pollock not out 51, Pat Symcox b Mullaney 51, Mark Boucher not out 3, Extras (90, 5w, 2nb) 16. TOTAL: 244 for seven.

Fall of wickets: 20, 25, 73, 140, 180, 192, 241. Did not bat: Morkel, Symcox and Allan Donald. Bowling: Darren Gough 10-4-3-3 (2w), Peter Martin 9-0-4-1-0, Ian Austin 10-0-4-1-1, Alan Mullaney 8-0-3-2 (2w), Adam Hockley 2-0-2-0-0, Robert Croft 10-0-4-1-1. Batting time: 196 minutes. Overs: 50.

England Innings: Nick Knight b Symcox 74, Alec Stewart c Rhodes b Pollock 27, Graeme Hick c Symcox b Cronje 84, Nasser Hussain c and b Cronje 10, Adam Hockley b Symcox 8, Robert Croft c Rhodes b Rindal 10, Ian Austin b Donald 10, Darren Gough lbw b Pollock 15, Peter Martin c Cronje 19, Extras (76, 11w, 1nb) 19. TOTAL: 230 all out.

Fall of wickets: 7, 48, 151, 170, 186, 193, 208, 213, 217, 230. Bowling: Alan Donald 9-1-4-1-2 (4w), Shaun Pollock 6-0-3-0-0 (2w), Jacques Kallis 4-0-2-4-0, Morkel, Symcox 4-0-3-0-0, Pat Symcox 10-0-3-2-2, Hansie Cronje 10-0-4-0-2 (2w), Allan Mullaney 3-0-1-1. Batting time: 228 minutes. Overs: 48.3.

Result: South Africa won by 14 runs. Man-of-the-match: Pat Symcox (South Africa).

Israel fall to Poland, 2-0

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Israel's football team failed to make it six wins in a row as Shlomo Scharf's men were beaten 2-0 in a friendly by Poland in Cracow yesterday.

Israel played their last warmup match ahead of the European qualifier in Austria next month without Eyal Berkovic and David Amisalem who were refused to board a British Airways flight to Poland because of visa problems. Scharf was forced to face an improved Polish team with an experimental side that included three defensive midfielders: Jan Telasnikow, Yossi Abukis and Wallid Badier.

As Najuan Grayev who was injured on Saturday, remained in Israel and no further cover was available, Avi Nimni was moved to the unfamiliar left back position and Israel's defense looked shaky.

Sigms came in the 20th minute as Rafi Cohen failed to collect a cross and Telasnikow had to head off his line to prevent Poland from taking the lead.

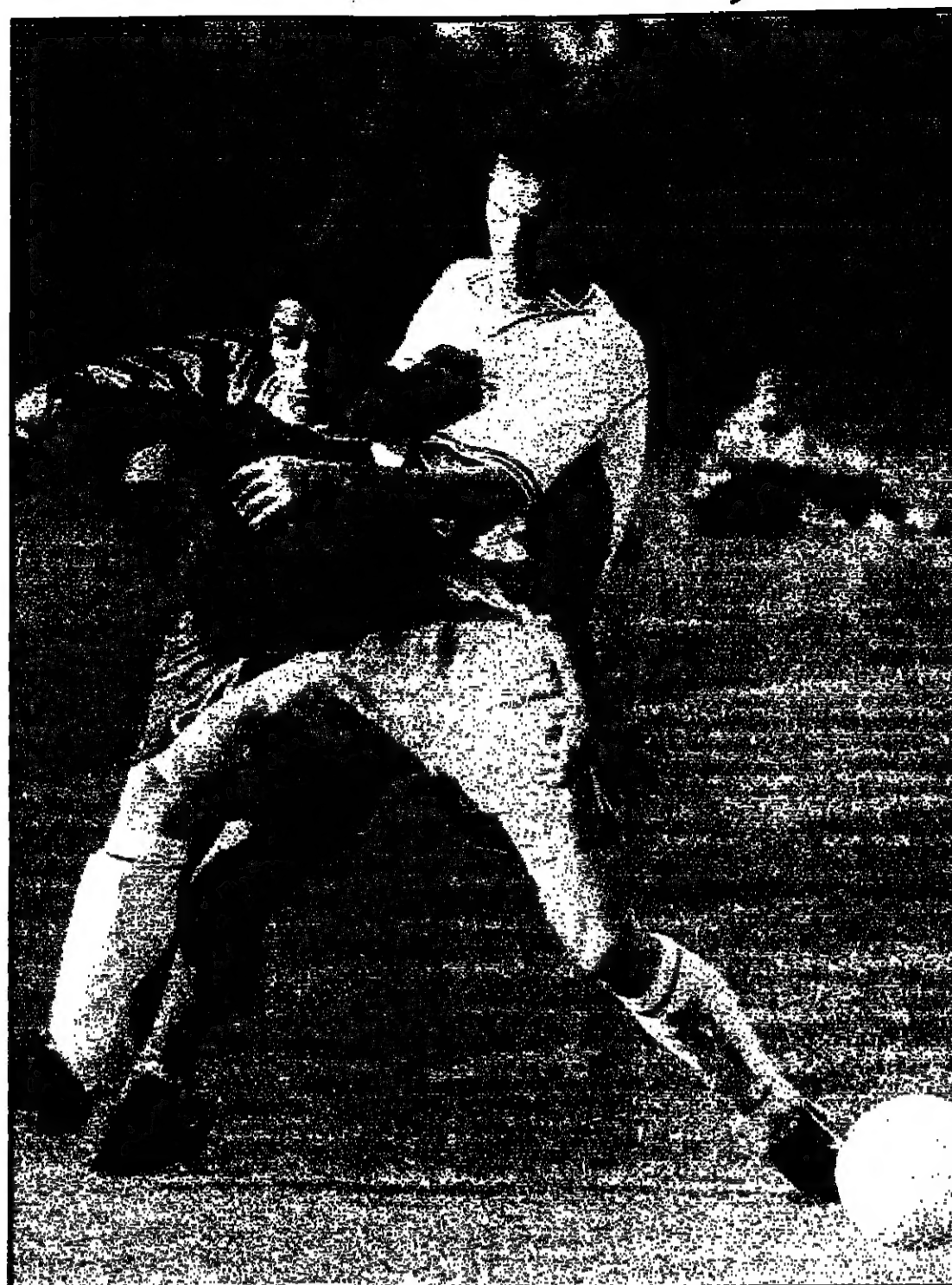
Two minutes later Israel had their own chance as Yossi Abukis found Haim Revivo with a long ball, but Ceita's forward couldn't make full contact and his attempt fell into Sidorcik's hands in Poland's goal.

The ball was released immediately for the counter attack and former Maccabi Tel Aviv player Miroslav Trzcielak who beat Amir Shelah fired passed the bewildered Cohen to give the home side a well-deserved lead.

In the second half, a few changes made to both sides gave Israel more goal-scoring chances, but Haim Revivo and Ronen Harazi, who came in for Alon Mizrahi, only came close.

Twenty minutes to the end, Poland doubled their lead as Rafal Siadaczka scored from 25 meters with a fierce left-foot shot after an indirect free kick.

Avi Tikva who came in as a substitute for Yossi Abukis in the second half, was sent off in the 82nd minute for a tackle from behind on Trzcielak. This defeat might prove the necessary kick in the pants needed for the national team ahead of their European qualifier in Vienna when it's all business.



PUSHY — Poland's Krzysztof Ratajczyk (r) gets between Israel's Avi Nimni and the ball in last night's international soccer friendly in Cracow.

Israel and Poland's under-21 sides drew goalless yesterday. Those interested in scouting

Israel's opponents in the first round of the European Championships qualifier can

watch Austria go against France tonight (Live broadcast, Channel 1, 21:45).

'He gave me half a bluey'

Ronaldo sedated for World Cup final — magazine

LONDON (AP) — Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo took a tranquilizer before his country's 3-0 defeat in the World Cup final to France, according to *World Soccer* magazine.

The British magazine quoted Brazil's doctor, Lidio Toledo, as saying Ronaldo took the sedative after suffering a convulsion a few hours before kickoff.

"He gave me half a bluey tablet before I went to the clinic," Ronaldo was quoted as saying.

The magazine suggested that could explain why Ronaldo looked so sluggish in the game.

Ronaldo had been omitted from Brazil's original team sheet.

Then his name appeared on a revised team sheet released before kickoff. In the meantime, Brazil did not warm up on the field amid speculation of a rift between players over the exclusion, or inclusion, of Ronaldo.

And then the 21-year-old ace, rated the best player in the world last season, had a very lethargic game.

World Soccer said players, team officials and hotel staff knew that Ronaldo had some kind of fit at lunch-time on the day of the game.

Brazil's World Cup '98 assistant manager Zico said emergency tests gave Ronaldo a clean bill of health but he was doubtful the player should have taken the field.

"It's always a mistake to play somebody who's not 100 percent fit," he was quoted as saying. "It was proved that even if he's the best player in the world, he can't go onto the field if he's not well."

"Ronaldo was sleepy, really groggy. He was in no condition to play. The medical department could have said no. If they had said 'Don't play him,' (coach Mario) Zagallo wouldn't have played him."

At no time did the doctors say no.

Ronaldo, who is due back at Italian Serie A club Inter Milan this week, says medical tests confirmed he is in perfect shape.

"I think there's been an exaggeration in all this," he was quoted as saying. "I can't explain what caused that (the fit)."

Only God knows what made me ill. In principle, I'm not doing any more tests."

E. German doctors admit doping charges

BERLIN (Deutsche Presse) — In

dramatic testimony to a hushed

Berlin courtroom, two former East

German sports doctors yesterday

told how they administered male

hormone growth pills to girl

swimmers who later suffered

excessive body hair, deep voices

and acute acne.

One physician, 50-year-old

Doris Roessler, was close to tears as

she apologized to the swimmers

involved — all of them under 16 at

the time, adding: "I can only

repeat my profound regret."

Roessler and fellow-accused colleague

Ulrich Sruender are accused of

deliberately damaging a person's

health or causing physical damage

in their role as medical advisors

to the erstwhile TSC Berlin swimming

club in the former East Berlin.

They and three coaches also on

trial have all admitted administering

hormone pills.

Pinto captures gold in 10,000m run

European Athletics Championship

BUDAPEST (AP) — Antonio Pinto of Portugal set a punishing pace late in the race to win the gold medal in the men's 10,000 meters at the European Athletics Championship yesterday.

Pinto pulled away with 2,500m left in the race to open a gap of nearly 100m over two Germans.

A wine grower from northern Portugal who won the London marathon twice, Pinto captured the gold in 27 minutes, 48.62 seconds.

Dieter Baumann of Germany was second in 27:56.75, while Stephane Franke, another German, clinched the bronze in 27:59.90.

Earlier, Ilya Markov of Russia, the Olympic silver medalist, won the first gold medal of the championship by taking the men's 20-kilometer walk.

The men's shot put gold medal went to Oleksandr Bagach of Ukraine with a heave of 21.17m.

Markov, a 26-year-old former junior world champion, won after taking the lead in the late stage, pushing past Latvia's Aigars Fadejevs inside Nep stadium.

Francisco Fernandez of Spain clinched the bronze medal.

Markov posted a time of one hour, 21 minutes, 10 seconds on a humid and warm afternoon on a course that went through the streets of the Hungarian capital.

Fadejevs, who was trying to become Latvia's first gold medalist since a countryman won the walk in the inaugural championship in 1934, had to settle for the silver, finishing in 1:21.25.

Fernandez took the bronze with a time of 1:21.39.

Bagach went into the lead with a throw of 20.99 in his third attempt, a distance that would have given him the gold. But he first improved to 21.10 and then threw 21.17 in his last attempt.



HEAT'S ON — Russian Irina Privalova wins the first-round 100m sprint heat in Budapest yesterday.

Oliver-Sven Buder of Germany won the silver at 20.98, while the bronze went to another Ukrainian, Yuriy Belonog, at 20.92.

Dragan Peric of Yugoslavia, the top European and second-best in

the world this year with 21.77, had

to settle for fourth place with a

best effort of 20.65.

The sprinters went into early

action as the six-day event

began and the men completed the

first two rounds of 100m qualifying.

Three British sprinters led the

field into the semifinals.

Dwain Chambers and Darren

Campbell both won their heats in

10.26 seconds, while Marlon

Devonish won his in 10.28.

Geir Moen of Norway also

advanced, along with

Charalambos Papadakis of Greece,

winner of the last heat in 10.31.

One surprise was the failure of

Aminos Marcoulides of Cyprus to

pass the second round.

The Cypriot, who is second in

Europe this year with a 10.12, was

only third in his first-round heat

and fifth in the second round, just

outside the top four that advanced.

His time was 10.41.

In the women's 100m first-

round qualifying, reigning champion

Irina Privalova of Russia,

back after a serious hamstring

injury, won her heat in 11.22 seconds

to advance.

Ekatzerini Thanou of Greece

qualified with the fastest time,

11.04, while Zhanna Pintusevich

of Ukraine, the world champion,

clocked 11.06.

In the first major upset of the

championship, Daniela Barlova,

the Czech pole vaulter who broke

the world record 10 times in 1995,

failed to qualify for the final.

Other favorites advanced.

Stephane Diagana of France, the

400-meter hurdles world champion,

cleared the first round of qualifying

by winning his heat in 49.28.

Carlos Silva of Portugal led all

qualifiers with a time of 49.00. His

heat 3 turned out to be the fastest,

with three other runners beating

Diagana's time.

Ruslan Mashchenko of Russia,

who has the fastest time in Europe

this year of 48.06, won his heat in

advance in a relatively slow 50.30.

Barlova cleared 4.00 in her final

attempt, then skipped 4.10. She

failed in three attempts at 4.15,

which would have qualified her.

Rios secures place in Top 8 for Hannover tourney

MONACO (Reuters) — Chile's Marcelo Rios is sure of a berth in the year-ending tennis world championships in Hannover in November, ATP Tour said yesterday.

The world No. 1 is the only player so far with enough points from his best 14 tournaments to guarantee finishing among the top eight in the rankings on November 23 and qualify for the November 24-29 event.

Rios, winner of five tournaments this year, narrowly missed out on a place in the 1997 championships. The last South American to qualify was Ecuadorian Andres Gomez in 1990.

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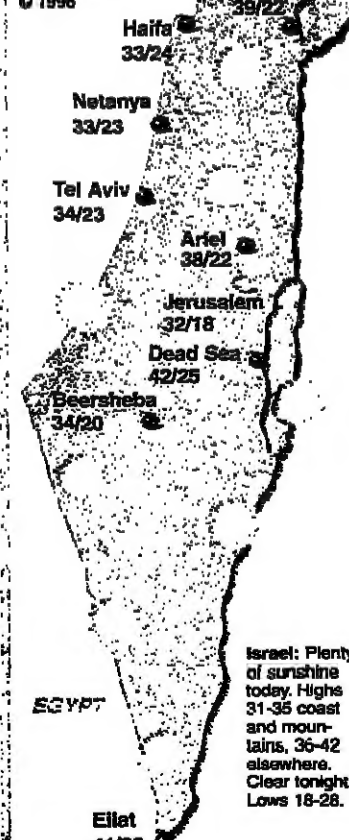
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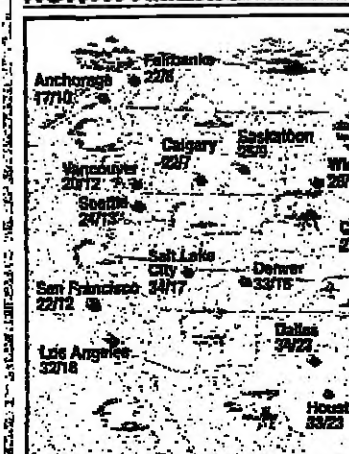
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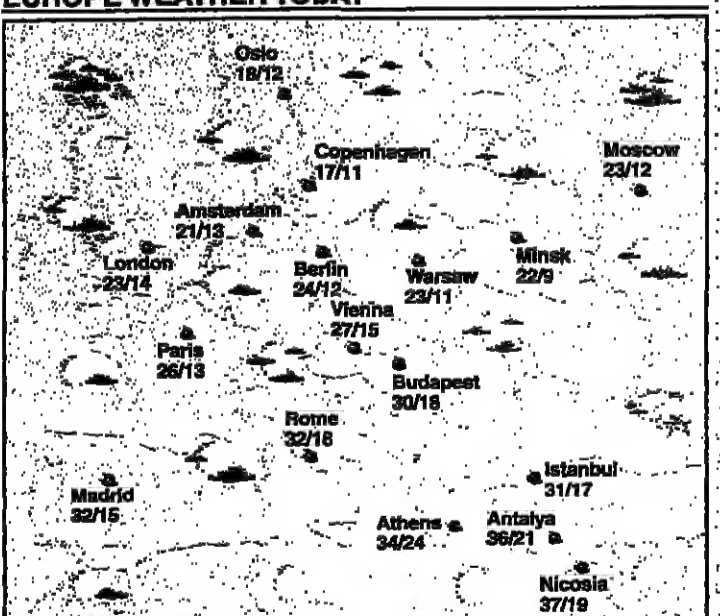
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NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High/Low	Thursday High/Low	Friday High/Low	Saturday High/Low
Ariel	30/10 22/11	30/17 22/11	30/10 22/11	30/10 22/11
Beer Sheva	34/23 20/20	30/17 22/11	30/10 22/11	30/10 22/11
Dead Sea	42/107 27/77	40/104 27/77	42/107 27/77	42/107 27/77
Elat	41/106 28/28	39/102 28/28	41/106 28/28	41/106 28/28
Haifa	33/21 24/75	31/18 24/75	33/21 24/75	33/21 24/75
Jerusalem	32/18 18/64	34/23 20/20	34/23 20/20	34/23 20/20
Katza	38/102 18/64	37/98 18/64	38/102 18/64	38/102 18/64
Netanya	33/21 23/73	31/18 21/70	33/21 23/73	33/21 23/73
Tel Aviv	34/23 23/73	32/18 21/70	34/23 23/73	34/23 23/73
Tiberias	39/102 27/77	37/98 27/77	39/102 27/77	39/102 27/77

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High/Low	Thursday High/Low	Friday High/Low	Saturday High/Low
Australia	21/70 12/58	20/68 13/58	21/70 12/58	21/70 12/58
Beijing	33/81 21/70	32/81 21/70	33/81 21/70	33/81 21/70
Berlin	24/75 12/53	20/78 15/53	24/75 12/53	24/75 12/53
Brussels	22/71 13/59	20/73 14/57	22/71 13/59	22/71 13/59
Oslo	37/88 22/71	35/88 22/71	37/88 22/71	37/88 22/71
Chicago	27/80 18/64	28/84 19/65	27/80 18/64	27/80 18/64
Frankfurt	27/71 15/52	28/78 16/51	27/71 15/52	27/71 15/52
Hong Kong	32/89 23/79	32/89 23/79	32/89 23/79	32/89 23/79
Johannesburg	23/73 13/52	22/71 11/50	23/73 13/52	23/73 13/52
Los Angeles	23/73 13/52	22/71 11/50	23/73 13/52	23/73 13/52
Madrid	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51
Mexico City	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51
Moscow	23/73 13/52	22/71 11/50	23/73 13/52	23/73 13/52
New York	24/75 16/51	25/77 18/64	24/75 16/51	24/75 16/51
Paris	26/79 13/55	23/78 13/55	26/79 13/55	26/79 13/55
Prague	26/79 13/55	26/79 13/55	26/79 13/55	26/79 13/55
Rio de Janeiro	23/82 22/71	27/80 21/70	23/82 22/71	23/82 22/71
Rome	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51	32/89 16/51
Sydney	18/64 10/50	18/64 10/50	18/64 10/50	18/64 10/50
Tokyo	30/86 27/77	32/89 27/80	30/86 27/77	30/86 27/77
Toronto	21/70 8/45	25/77 16/51	21/70 8/45	21/70 8/45